

## Belton C of E Primary School Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 5th May 2016 2 - 3pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present - Mrs Joanne Jones (Yr R teacher), Sarah Indelicato (Yr R parent), Jo Oakley (Yr R parent), Eleanor Milne (Yr 1 parent), Kate Coulson (Yr R parent), Vivien Collins (Yr 4 parent), Deborah Cornwall (Yr 1 parent).

Apologies - Karen Smith, Rachel Rudin, Alfio Indelicato, Gemma Moyse.

Prior to the meeting there were three main items identified for discussion:

- Strengths of Belton C of E Primary School
- Healthy school's dinners / lunches
- Homework / Reading

#### **What are the strengths of Belton C of E Primary School?**

- The school ethos
- The behaviour of the children
- The community spirit - including how well the children mix across the different age groups further facilitated by the introduction of houses.
- The transition of new starters from Belton playgroup - it was felt that further links should be made with local nurseries.
- Breakfast club was labelled "invaluable".
- the availability of free after school clubs
- Events - Teddy Bears picnic for new starters, annual pantomime visit, school trips (Beaumanor Hall).
- The availability of teachers at the beginning and end of the day
- How well *a//* staff know the children.

**Healthy school's dinners / lunches - how can we ensure all children have a healthy lunch?**

- It was suggested that the school issues rules regarding what children can bring for their lunch e.g. not a full packet of crisps, a piece of fruit, no chocolate...
- House points could be given for healthy lunch boxes
- A drawing competition could be run to encourage children's awareness of healthy lunch box items.
- It was felt that some parents preferred to send their children with a packed lunch so they knew what their child had eaten during the day.
- It was felt that the invitation to parents to have a hot dinner in school with their children was a very positive step.

### **Homework / Reading - What are your feelings about the reading books and current levels of homework?**

There was a mixed reaction regarding children's interest and engagement with their reading books.....

Once again there was a mixed reaction regarding the quantity of homework given.....

Mrs Jones to implement more structured weekly homework for the Meerkats starting next week in the run up to moving into Yr 1.

Good quantity.....

### **AOB**

- It was felt that May Day was once again a great success and enjoyed by all. Mrs Johns was particularly impressed with the effort that had gone into making the may sticks.
- It was suggested that to give more emphasis to May Day, the seasonal fayre should be run on a separate date. Mrs Jones will pass the comment on to FoBS for discussion.
- It was felt that more information was needed regarding forthcoming changes regarding year 6. Who would be teaching which children? Will years 2 and 3 be together next year? Is there going to be a new building?

**Next meeting - Thursday 23rd June 2-3pm.**

Should you have any items you wish to add to the agenda please email them to Mrs Jones at [office@belton.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@belton.leics.sch.uk)