

## Belton C of E Primary School Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2016 2 - 3pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

Present - Mrs Jones (Yr R teacher), Natalie Owen (Yr R and Yr 1 parent) and Zoe Weston (Yr R and Yr 2 parent).

Apologies - Jo Oakley, Charlotte Emmerson, Karen Smith, Rachel Rudin, Sarah and Alfio Indelicato, Gemma Moyse, Vivien Collins, Deborah Cornwall, Eleanor Milne, Kate Coulson, Helen Woolgrove.

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

- How do we further engage parents in school activities including those run by FOBS?
- Are you happy with the current level of communication between school and home?
- How useful do you find the school website?
- Review of the newly updated Uniform and Appearance policy

### **Parental Engagement**

It was felt that parental engagement in school activities could be improved this was especially the case with the Multi-faith activity day and recent events organised by FOBS. There was discussion involving the difficulties of working parents attending events and despite information being made available on the weekly newsletter, it was noted that at times it could be made more obvious that parents are welcome to attend. [Action: this will become a theme at the next meeting to discuss ways of engaging parents.](#)

Mrs Jones highlighted that research indicates the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents and so this is a crucial issue that needs working on.

### **Communication between school and home**

Overwhelmingly positive feedback was given regarding the weekly newsletter. Parents felt that they were well informed and were always keen to see photos of the children in all classes. However it was felt that despite parents reading

the newsletter they did not always record important times and dates of events and activities that are relevant to their children.

### **School Website**

Members of the parent forum occasionally had difficulty loading the school website on their mobile phone. However, this issue has now been rectified as has an issue regarding the requirement of a password for a recommended phonics website on the Meerkats' termly learning plan.

It was agreed that the website was very useful when looking for important information.

### **Uniform and Appearance Policy**

It was felt that the Uniform and Appearance policy was comprehensive and easy to read and understand. Everyone agreed that uniform is highly important with regard to the children's mindset and attitude in school. The link between behaviour and uniform was discussed. It was noted that the new recommendation of tying back shoulder length hair was very positive.

**Next meeting - Thursday 26th January 2017 2-3pm in the school staff room.**

**All parents welcome**, please contact Mrs Jones.

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