

Belton C of E Primary School Parent Forum Meeting

Wednesday 5th April 2017 2 - 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Present - Mrs Jones (Yr R teacher), Maria Armstrong (Yr R parent), Zoe Weston (Yr R and Yr 2 parent), Anna Walker (Yr R parent).

Following the staff self-evaluation day, parents who attended the forum were asked to also evaluate the school's effectiveness and consider the same questions as the staff.

What makes you feel proud of Belton School?

What's working well?

What could be better?

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There was overwhelming support for the resilience of all the pupils. It was noted that they have continued to work hard despite the building work being carried out, the classroom changes, the reduced playground size and the majority of the children having worked in the hall.

The fact that all the children work well together was also highlighted as something to feel proud about. It was noted that all the children know each other well and they form friendships and mix well together across the different year groups. The oldest children take responsibility for the youngest children when walking to church for assembly.

What's working well?

It was felt that the communication between school and home is working well. In particular the school newsletter continues to be well received.

What could be better?

It was suggested that more priority needs to be given to music in school. As an example it was noted that musical instruments could be played in assembly. Information was given regarding Mr Muller providing weekly guitar tuition, weekly singing lessons with Alice Styles and the children in year's 3 and 4 learning to play the recorder. We talked about how fortunate we are to have Emma Trounson, Choral Director at Leicester Cathedral, visiting weekly to teach the children in key stage 2 to sing as part of the choral outreach project DioSing!

The teaching of foreign languages was also raised and further information was given regarding the French curriculum taught to the children in key stage 2.

A concern was raised regarding school's resources not being used to their full potential i.e. the outdoor area. Parents were informed that this was an area that had also been highlighted in the school's improvement plan. Discussion was had regarding growing areas within school and how the sensory garden and 'bottom base' areas could be better utilised during lesson time. Mrs Jones informed the parents that she will be studying towards an award in Forest School Programme Leadership throughout the summer and will be very excited to put her new skills to good use for the benefit of the children.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones was pleased to give a very positive update on lunch time seating following concerns raised at the previous forum regarding children being separated from their friends depending on whether they were eating a hot meal or packed lunch. The issue was immediately rectified and since the last forum the children are now very happy to choose where they sit for their lunch.

Next meeting - Thursday 18th May 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