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Minutes of Parents Forum held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 6.00pm

Present: Mrs Hay (Head teacher), Miss Ware (EYFS Class Teacher), Mrs Stacey (Office Manager), Mrs Ruttle, Mr Richardson, Mrs Richardson, Mr Brennan, Mrs

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| | Welcome Mrs Hay welcomes everybody to the meeting. Everyone introduces themselves. | |
| 1. | Communication | |
| | School Website | |
| | Parents agreed that they didn't feel they needed to look at the school website apart from when they were initially chosing a Primary School. | |
| | Text Messages | |
| | It was agreed that the text messaging service was really good and an essential part of communication for reminders. | |
| | Parents questioned whether we could send a text to both parents. Mrs Stacey said that the Teachers 2 Parents text messaging service would only allow us to send one text per pupil. It was agreed that if required we could send a text to one parent for one child and another parent for another child. Parents to see Mrs Stacey if required. | Office Manager |
| | It was agreed that a closed facebook page would be the way forward but to continue sending text messages for those parents not on facebook. | |
| | Mrs Hay mentioned that she had asked the PTA to pay half of the Teachers 2 Parents invoice as it is expensive. | |
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Weekly Class Emails

A parent mentioned that they found it difficult to read East Wings weekly newsletter as when opening on an ipad the layout was all over the place. Mrs Hay agreed to talk to Mrs Fogg and ask her to remove all the picture detail.

Mrs Hay

Weekly emails to be added to the facebook page.

Monthly Head teacher emails

Mrs Hay asked the forum if there was anything else they would like including in her monthly newsletters. Parents agreed that they were very useful for diary dates.

Chair of Governors Newsletter

Mrs Middleton informed the parents that she sent out a newsletter to parents termly as during the last Ofsted visit it was brought to our attention that parents didn't know who the governors were. She asked the parents if they thought it was sent out often enough? Parents agreed it was.

Home School Journals

Parents thought they were great. They can get a feel for what their child is doing. Also it was thought they were good for communicating between teachers and parents.

Gate Duty - Head teacher

Nice to be greeted. Can ask questions. Friendly. Pupils like being greeted. More informal. Opportunity to ask questions.

Gate Duty – Governors

Parents can now recognise who the governors are. Mrs Middleton said that the governors found it very good. They also get a tour of the school afterward by pupils and a chance to meet with subject leaders.

Parents Evening

Shared targets

Great way of finding out. Managed well.

Work being out is good. Saves time.

Mrs Hay advised that on Monday 27th June 2016 we would be having a children/parents meeting. A chance for children to show parents their

| | work and talk about their books. Parents thought this would be a very good idea. | |
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| | <u>ParentPay</u> | |
| | Great idea. Good for paying when you don't always have any cash. | |
| | Open door policy | |
| | Always can talk to somebody straight away. | |
| | Never had to wait. | |
| | Closed facebook page | |
| 8. | The general feeling was that we had got the balance of communication just right. It was discussed possibly gaining consent via ParentPay instead of paper letters. Mrs Stacey to find out if this is possible for school trips even if we are not charging. | Office Manager |
| | A parent suggested having a "Yes" or "No" button on an email. | |
| | Mrs Middleton raised the question to parents what they thought to life without levels? | |
| | Raise profile of expectations More confusing for parents than pupils Pupil year group parents evening was suggested Mrs Hay will keep updating parents with regards to the curriculum | |
| | Future meetings | |
| | Parents happy. Everything already covered. | |
| | Before & After school clubs was discussed. Mrs Hay advised that a letter would be going out to parents in September to gather interest. | Mrs Hay |
| | Governors to look into before and after school clubs | Mrs Middleton |
| | The meeting closed at 7pm. | MIGUICIOII |