

Parent Forum Minutes – 26th March 2018

Present:

Kelly Stock	Claire McCormick
Hayley Howard	Kaylee Seymour
Melinda Lavender	Jo King
Claire Barker	Jayne Harris
Jenny Nicholls	

Ofsted/Holidays

Kelly explained Ofsted rules – first 5 days of September Ofsted will not visit

Parents can be fined the first 3 weeks of September if they take their child/ren out for a holiday – new guidelines from the Government. This is why the school made the decision to have 5 days and not return until 10th September, if we came back for 2 days then the Local Authority could issue a penalty notice to those parents whose children have not returned due to a holiday.

Inset Days

Kelly will consult parents and staff in future to gather opinions which will then be taken to the Governing body for approval.

Messages from Post box

Letter was received stating a few points of concern:

Claire Barker read the letter:

NITS - Parent complained about their child constantly having problems with 'Nits' and would like the school to address this more by explaining to parents how to prevent this or how to treat a child when they have them

Unofficial Facebook page – parent stated if the page is 'unofficial' and not 'monitored' then parents wish for this not to be discussed and screenshotted and given to staff at BCPS as they feel this is unfair and underhand if it is not related to the school.

Miss Stock said she had tried to meet with the parent on a number of occasions to discuss this but they have cancelled due to personal reasons. The parent has now emailed to say they are pleased with how 'lice' is now being dealt with.

Kaylee Seymour read another letter:

Inset Days – parents raised an issue with the inset days in September 2018 – for non-working parents this is ideal but unfortunately for working parents and parents who have 1 child at BCPS and another at ORA it means parents now have to cover 8 weeks over the summer period as ORA break up a week earlier and BCPS return a week later and this is simply a nightmare as some parents have no allocated leave left to book any time off.

Maths & Homework issues – parent raised an issue in KS2 that no Maths homework is being handed to the children (Y5) – parent feels their child is now not receiving any homework and that at the age the child is at he doesn't know his times tables. Mrs Harris raised concern that her child had only received 1 piece of homework since September.

- **ACTION – Miss Stock said she would investigate and this would be followed up – Mr Russ has now spoken to the children to find out if homework is being set across KS2 – It is**
- **Mr Russ has confirmed Y5 are now receiving SATs arithmetic papers instead to prepare for Year 6.**

Few issues from the last meeting - End of school day arrangements

- There are still a few parents for KS2 who are turning up early for drop-off and pick up to collect/drop-off children – this is becoming congested at the front of the school as parents are all crowding round the black gates – (JH & CB feel it has improved)
 - **ACTION – reminder of times to parents and not to arrive too early**
- Parents raised issue that KS2 children are not being released at 3.15pm when they should be and on a few occasions have been coming out of school gone 3.20pm.
 - **ACTION - reminder to KS2 staff to release at the correct times**
- Mrs Harris had a private message regarding the reception gate requesting maybe they could be opened earlier than the rest so that it isn't so chaotic for reception children and also Treetops parents
 - **ACTION – speak with reception teachers**
- Mrs Seymour suggested coning off the area by the black gates to stop parents crowding round

Attendance Awards

Parent raised a concern regarding their child having had medical appointments and their child worrying about not receiving an attendance reward

- **ACTION - Miss Stock to make children aware not to worry about their attendance being affected if they have a medical issue as we always take this into consideration**

Aggressive Behaviour Policy

The policy has been amended and Miss Stock asked Parent Forum to make sure they are happy with the wording – specifically about use of social media and the right to change school if unhappy.

Positive feedback

- So many people are requesting to get their children into BCPS but we are now over subscribed
- Kelly has made a big impact to the school and a lot has improved since she joined
- Year 6 parents are very happy - so much support and effort always goes in – Thank you

Support from the school – identifying pupil's talent

Kelly read some messages from parents regarding MA pupils

- Big thank you to staff for all of the hard work put in
- Parents are so happy for this programme – pupils and parents feel valued
- Parents feel they are always kept informed
- BCPS recognise each child's talent

School Website

- To add Parent Forum contact e-mail address
 - **ACTION – Hayley to add this to the 'Parents Forum' page**
 - **Update – E-mail added on the school website**
- Check the search bar and make sure parents can search key words

Parent View

- Inform parents when Ofsted are due and to complete Parent View – if they have any concerns please raise them with HT first before completing online survey
 - **ACTION – Kelly to write a letter to parents explaining Ofsted and parent forum so they know the importance of completing Parent View.**
- Parents feel lucky their children attend BCPS and are under Kelly

School Newsletter and lunchtime clubs

- Parent forum said school Newsletter is fantastic and celebrates children's achievement in and outside of school.
- Children love the lunchtime clubs that are being run especially;

Digital leader club
Spanish club
Football

} we like to make sure that every child has a place to go at lunch.

Year 6/Toilets

Mrs Lavender raised some concerns for Year 6 girls and the toilets:

- toilet paper causing chaffing (especially for girls TOTM)
- a few girls are conscious about using the toilets when boys walk apst the door.
 - **ACTION – Re-iterate to girls to speak with Mrs Owen if they need sanitary ware.**

Reception Reading - parents are concerned that books are not being changed enough (only twice a week) – parents would like to know where their children are at through the reading records.

- **ACTION – Mrs Bache to speak with EYFS**

Christian/Cultural festivals

Few parents are asking why BCPS don't celebrate Christian festivals:

Miss Stock replied that we need to tell parents about what we do as otherwise it seems there's more emphasis on Diwali & Chinese New Year, for example.

- **ACTION – BCPS will promote more of what we do and inform parents of this**