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Parents' Forum Minutes 17.10.24 at 8.45

Present - Kathryn Herschell, Janine Brown, Donna Knight, Cath Thompson, Louisa Wilson, Cath Hollis

Apologies - Frankie Spinks, Caroline Byatt

Minutes of the last meeting shared and matters arising - The new behaviour policy is now in place, all staff are following it. The RSE draft document was put on hold for the General Election. Mrs Wilson will check on any updates. The Silver Bert certificate is now on display. The mobile swimming pool has been booked for three weeks after half term, this will be for Year six, who missed swimming last year and Year five. The pool is heated and has a gazebo type covering. Children need to be able to swim 25 metres when they leave primary school.

Peer Mediation Louisa Wilson shared information about Peer Mediation and how it would be introduced in school. A powerpoint was shown to share the main points.

Children will be taught about conflict and in school this means when someone is hurt or upset.

Peer mediators will deal with minor issues that are low harm/ high frequency - things that could escalate if not dealt with at a low level.

Conflict styles, linked to animal types were shared. Peer Mediators are encouraged to be 'Collaborating Owls', listening to both sides of an issue.

Peer Mediation is supporting peers to restore relationships following a conflict.

The mediators will work in pairs.

There are agreed rules for Peer Mediation, they follow a script and discuss the issue. They listen and state the facts and together they find a solution. KS1 children will be spoken to individually using a simplified script.

Mrs Wilson has delivered staff training, next step was to share with the Parents' Forum. After half term she will deliver an assembly then give introductory lessons to years 4,5 and 6.

For children who are interested in becoming mediators, there will be a full day of training with 10 sessions of activities. A video of Peer Mediation in action at another primary school was shared.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Walker -Insley did two days of training themselves and thought it was amazing!

A parent asked when the sessions would take place. LW said this would be at break or lunchtime, occasionally this might have to be the following day.

A room would be set up and there would be a reporting form for Mrs Wilson and Mrs Walker-Insley to keep up to date.



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Review of the start of the year

CH asked parents what had gone well at the start of the year, comments included:

Quicker transition into YR was much better and children settled well

Meet and greet is working well, all adults say good morning

Staff quickly get to know children's names

The transition booklets given to children so they could see their rooms and the adults teaching them were successful.

Meet the teacher meetings were very useful and information shared was in depth. For those who couldn't attend, the fact sheets sent out were also very detailed. CH said that these were also on the website.

Children are encouraged to try different foods at lunchtime

CH asked what could be improved, comments included:

Having a settling in activity nearer to the end of term as it was a long time from the move up morning.

Queuing at the gates in the morning makes it difficult for children to walk through to their gate and some are walking in the road. Parents and children queuing to be mindful and move over to avoid children having to walk in the road. CH to add this info to the newsletter.

Time for unlocking the top gate, sometimes it isn't until 3.00. CH explained that school tries to avoid having unattended gates open too early whilst children are still moving around school.

Children joining the school in September do not have a copy of the menu as it was sent out earlier in the year - it would help to have a copy.

Options at lunchtime were discussed, CH said there was a vegetarian option and a jacket potato, not a sandwich option as school wanted children to have a hot meal.

OFSTED - CH gave an overview of the inspection and shared some of the positive comments from the inspectors and the parents' survey. The school has received the draft report which is brief and is written to a template so the notes taken in the feedback meetings were useful to add more detail. Once the final report is prepared, school will be able to share it with parents.

AOB

CH asked if there was anything in particular parents wanted to see or discuss next time.

Parents asked for the Christmas dates to be put on the newsletter

Parents felt the time of the meeting was ok, but perhaps a Wednesday might be trialled.

