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Parents' Forum Minutes 21.10.26 at 8.45

Present

Donna Knight, Rosa Taylor, Cath Thompson, Chris Orrell, Steph Robinson- Clarke, Kate Lorimer, Georgina Roe, Louisa Wilson, Cath Hollis

Elijah Warren, Harley Wright-Harris and Violet Smyth (All from Y5) joined the meeting at the BERT update

CH welcomed the group and introductions were made.

Review of the start of term

Things that had gone well

Parents felt that Reception children all starting straight away had been successful. A suggestion was to give the children a tour - perhaps on move up morning to show them the dinner hall, where to get their lunch etc so things are less daunting on day one

A further suggestion was to share information about Linton's Breakfast and After School clubs more widely as this was sometimes how a parent chose a school.

A parent, whose child had recently joined Linton felt that their child had settled well and was enjoying school more. It had been a rush to get their child's place and all necessary information, but office staff shared everything and staff in class 'couldn't be faulted'

Things to improve

Hedgehogs have all 'Numbots' homework online and not all children have access to a device or have to share with siblings. Similarly, Dragonflies have TT Rockstars as homework. Other parents said that staff had printed things off where this had previously been the case.

There had been no message when children had got to Conkers or were on their way back. CH apologised for this and for the confusion regarding what to wear.

A parent asked why only some Y3 children had gone on the visit. CH explained that the visit had been for Ladybirds Y2/3 originally as this matched their learning in Science, the other KS1 classes had decided to join the visit. The overview for Science has been added to, to cater for the Y2/3 and Y4/5 classes and the learning is slightly different to the Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 rolling programme, but all topics are covered.

A parent who had accompanied the visit said that everyone enjoyed it!



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BERT update

Mrs Wilson shared the news about Linton achieving the BERT Gold award. She explained what BERT was all about and what the school had done to achieve Bronze and Silver. Gold involved parent engagement. Elijah, Violet and Harley spoke about their role in showing the assessors round.

Mrs Wilson shared the feedback from the assessors who were 'blown away' by our children and everything they saw.

Children had asked if there was a 'Platinum' and Mrs Wilson said schools with Gold would be invited to discuss what could be next.

Next steps for Linton - to update the RSE page on the website with parent input, to develop the use of QR codes to provide useful information for parents and to create a 'Top Tips for secondary' list for other parents.

Those present suggested completing other items on the agenda and then ending the meeting with the BERT celebration.

Allergy awareness at Linton

Copies of the new Allergy policy had been made available for parents to look through.

This was a statutory requirement following Benedict's Law

CH explained that:

All staff had received allergy training

The policy was in place.

The school has 4 Epipens - the children present knew where these were kept

All children have had an allergy awareness assembly

An individual Health Plan had been written for a child with a nut allergy, a shortened version was shared

The children present were able to share what they knew

CH explained that information would be on the newsletter and on the website.

Paul Dix Parent training

CH shared some possible training for staff resulting in support for parents. This linked to 'When the adults change, everything changes' a book by Paul Dix - the starting point for Linton's Behaviour Policy. It was felt that parents would welcome a reminder of the Paul Dix materials and also any support, extra knowledge for parents dealing with a challenging child at home would be valuable. A parent recognised that their child is much better when something is explained to them, what they have done wrong and why - rather than the old system of just taking a star away (Linton's old behaviour system)

AOB

Those present were interested in forming a 'Friends of Linton' group to fund raise. CH said that currently there is no formal group with 'Treasurer, Secretary, Chair' and that all funds raised go directly to the School's Private Fund account. Parents suggested selling drinks at certain events which would help to raise money for the Epipens that would need replacing. It was suggested that parents could be made aware of the current Whatsapp group and could opt in as part of the group.

Those present had celebration cakes, gold confetti cannons were released and photos were taken. CH thanked everyone for their support.

