



Thorndown Primary School
Parent Forum
MINUTES – Thursday 5th February 2015

Present: Mr Ainscow, Mrs Graham-Ewart, Mr Jagger (Link Governor), Mrs Sweet, Mrs Moreton, Miss Godbold (Head teacher) Mr Darlington, Miss Kwialkowsha, Mrs Eagle, Mrs Reeve, Mrs Lee, Mrs Lorman-Hall, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Wood, Mrs Williford, Mrs Pope, Mrs Hetherington, Mr Mortimer, Mrs Finch, Mr Mumford(Link Governor)

Apologies: Mrs Foster

1. Introductions and welcome by Rob Jagger. Rob talked about the purpose of the forum being to provide a voice for parents, to make suggestions to the school for future improvements, to provide support to parents to enable them to be involved in their child's education and to be a critical friend to the school. He also clarified what the forum was not for and highlighted the fact that the governing body were still in overall charge of the strategic direction of the school. However, he was clear to say that feedback from the Forum will be on every governing body agenda so parent voice will be heard. Rob also talked about the fact that Parent Forum is not about individual complaints, which should come straight to the school using the usual channels.
2. The new chair of Parent Forum was elected. It was decided that Mrs Wood will be chair for a year.
3. Mrs Moreton was elected Secretary.
4. Below are listed all the areas the forum decided it would like to discuss over the next few terms;
Lunchtime Charter for Behaviour
Homework
Home-School diaries
Parent consultations and reports
Uniform
Parking
5. The forum felt it was important that parents from each class knew who their representatives were. There are a few vacancies and it was agreed to encourage other parents to join. Parents felt they wanted these links put on their web page and to include a picture in the future.

Mrs King-Dormouse= Vacancy
Mrs Hamilton- Hedgehog= Mrs Pope
Mrs Askew- Squirrels= Mrs Morton

Mrs Browne-Owls= Mrs Williford
Mrs Parsons-Rabbits= Vacancy
Miss Buckby-Otters= Miss Kwialkowska
Miss Hammond-Moles=Mrs Lee
Mrs Murphy-Badgers= Mrs Sweet

Miss Collins-Lemurs=Mrs Eagle
Mr Peel-Lions=Mr Ainscow
Mrs Patrick-Pelican= Vacancy
Mrs Aldridge-Antelopes=Mrs Pope
Mrs Smith- Eagles= Mrs Finch

Mr Sewell- Zebras- Mrs Loman-Hall
Mr Lemmon-Gorillas- Vacancy
Mrs Sweeney- Hyenas= Mrs Hetherington
Miss Marshall-Red Pandas= Vacancy

6. The terms of reference were carefully discussed. A copy will be attached to these minutes and put on the school's website on the Parent Forum page.
7. The next meeting will focus on school meals with the question, "What do Thorndown parents expect from a school lunch?" The governing body has started to look for different suppliers of dinners and has gone out to tender. It is important to them that all views on dinners are expressed so the right caterer can be appointed to start in September. Therefore, Miss Godbold asked for this to be the first topic to be discussed. The forum asked that pictures of school meals were put on their page on the school website so parents can see what was on offer to their children and promote discussion. Summary of the nutritional regulations was also asked for, to be brought to the next meeting as well as timings of the school lunchtime day.
8. AOB
 - There was concern that all parents had to have a voice and we discussed how we could collect as many thoughts as possible. Therefore, the school will provide a comments box in the lobby for ideas and e-mail addresses for class representatives.

Next meeting: Wednesday 25th February @7.30pm. This meeting will be in Lemurs classroom.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm