

## Parent Forum Minutes 16/1/2018

Present: 8 parents, 1 governor and Acting Headteacher

Mrs Brooke welcomed everyone and asked if there was anything people wanted to discuss. The advert for a new head teacher was discussed and Mrs Brooke commented on what a good job Ciara and Jacob had done showing prospective candidates around school. Mrs Brooke confirmed that she will be applying. She said that the decision on who to appoint rests with the governors.

### **Homework**

Mrs Brooke asked if parents were happy with the amount of homework their children were receiving. Parents said they really liked the projects which are topic related and they like the time frame for them. Mrs Brooke also reminded parents that the regular reading and spellings were essential and that Sum dog is excellent for maths.

### **Christmas Fair**

Mrs Brooke congratulated parents on the wonderful total raised at the Christmas Fair.

### **Parent Evening times**

Mrs Brooke said that we would be trialling starting in the afternoons which gives people the opportunity to come in early. The consultations will also take place in the hall. Rather than an extra meeting for parents of those children who receive extra support, the teacher and SendCo would jointly produce a plan which would be sent to parents. Parents could then come in if they wanted any clarification.

### **Sports Relief Week**

We want to do another Fun Run. It would be lovely to get more parents involved but the run needs to take place during the school day. Parents wondered if we could have a sponsored parents race.

### **Daily Mile**

This is effectively a run for 15 minutes each day. Research has shown that it has a hugely positive impact on the children. It would need to be in the afternoons and we may start it in the Spring.

### **Maths**

Mrs Brooke said that we wish to buy Maths No Problem. This is basically Singapore maths which has been shown to produce enormous and sustained improvements in maths. Mrs Saint and Miss Stirk have been working as part of the teachers research group on it which has involved having lessons videoed and commented on by the rest of the group. It is a very expensive scheme. We wish to be able to access the website with all information needed for teachers and we must buy the books before we can do that. The cost for school of Maths No Problem will be £5000 which will cover everything we need; all texts, workbooks and website.

## Attendance

Mrs Brooke was asked if attendance needed to go in the newsletters. She said that because Ofsted had picked out attendance we need to show that we are doing all we can to address it.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.