

## Parent Voice Meeting

**Date:** 6/12/13

**Present:** Susan Walker, Claire Stanley, Jayne Walker, Catherine Wright, Rachael Treadwell, Joanna Bell, Emma Herrity. **Apologies:** Alexia Brooks,

It was decided at this meeting that:

- These minutes will be displayed in the 'Parent Voice' notice board on the wall of the year 3/4 block, nearest to the Willow Wong entrance.
- They will also be on the website.
- If you are unable to attend the meetings there is a 'Parent Voice' box by the side of the display board where you can put any issues you would like raised at the meeting.

The next Parents Voice will be on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm.

### Issues:

1. We are aiming to set up a gardening club in the Spring term.
2. Phonics
  - Pupils are in groups for phonics and for grammar, this is to ensure they are taught at the correct level of development so they can progress at the best possible rate.
  - This was seen as a positive development and parents said that they felt their children were being challenged for the first time.
  - School understands that children have different abilities in different areas and that it is important for each child to receive the right match of the work to their ability for them to progress.
3. Behaviour - parents like the lining up on the morning playground. It feels much more organised and focussed and is an indication to parents that behaviour is better.
4. School site
  - Parents are concerned about the KS1 entrance area as it can get water on the slabs and make the area messy. Although this is an area of concern for the school as well it is a complex issue because it is not linked to the main drains and needs a large amount of excavation.
  - Playground mud bank – planning permission has only just been granted and so unfortunately the artificial grass can only be laid in February half term at the earliest.
  - A great deal of equipment has been bought for the playground including new football and basketball posts, markings to go with these.
  - There are a lot of site issues that need to be addressed and school has an action plan that prioritises works. I will include a bullet point list of initial improvements we need to make in my next letter to parents.
  - Lights have been erected on the Padley's Lane entrance.
  - An overgrown prickly bush will be pruned back/removed from the Willow Wong gate.
5. Lunchtimes have been restructured with games and quiet areas. New equipment has been bought including board games for under the canopy. The school ambassadors are also in place and guiding the younger children in games activities.
6. It was also noted that sandwiches usually have between 40 minutes and half an hour to eat their sandwiches and on very busy days at least 20 minutes.

### **School Action**

- To organise a phonics information evening for parents for the spring term.
- To organise a maths information evening for parents for the spring term.
- Contact the IEB to arrange a LA parents information evening
- List school site improvements in the next letter.
- List improvements in teaching and learning in the next letter.

### **Next Meeting**

I would like to thank everyone who turned up today. I hope everyone felt that this could be a very useful platform for addressing issues that parents/carers have and any misconceptions that can be created by misunderstandings through word of mouth.

If you care about your child's school please attend the next meeting. A date will be in the next newsletter and will cover the following areas (or indeed anything that you would like to raise):

- Worries / concerns
- Curriculum
- Extra-curricular
- School involvement

Remember this is your platform to support and improve the school.