

Claremont Primary School

Parent forum meeting

Date : 17/03/16

Time: 9-10 am

Persons present:

Lisa Humphrey - assistant head teacher

Mr.Affi – Somali speaking T.A

Nafeesa Amer – parent

Zoura Nazir – parent

Susanne Martikke – parent

Sana Serhan – parent

Mujdat Topac – parent

Fadumo Nur – parent

Ramlo Warsame – parent

Habiba Nur Ali – parent

Sardiyo Adan – parent

Safia Bahar – parent

Ayan Warsame – parent

Seynab Qorane – parent

- Welcome – tea, coffee and introductions
- Aims of the forum – to share information between the school and community, for forum members to be representatives for the community and to disseminate information to other parents/carers, to reflect on the good practise already happening in school and to establish areas which could be enhanced or improved upon.
- Discussed outcomes from the questionnaire and how these were being addressed including parent workshops on maths, healthy eating and ESOL classes.
- There will be a coffee morning for parents who are currently accessing the ESOL course and for those who wish to start classes in the summer term.
- There will be a 6 week programme of workshops for EY parents/carers covering physical development, maths and literacy.
- Parents were shown the school website and how to access upcoming events using the calendar and where to find information about the curriculum. Parents can find out dates of school trips and can volunteer to help but it was emphasised that parents are helpers and are needed to ensure the safety of children during these trips. Parents were told that if they had any ideas about improving the website they should bring them to the next meeting. Mr. Affi explained that the website could be accessed in different languages. The parents were then asked if they would find it useful to have letters sent home in different languages which they said they would, although this wouldn't be possible for all letters.
- Parents said that they would use the parents' information board outside but felt that there was nothing useful on it. Mrs. Humphrey explained that she was updating the board outside and the one inside on a weekly basis, including workshop flyers and community events that we knew about. The parents felt it would be a good idea if the calendar from the website was displayed on the noticeboard.
- Parents can speak to individual teachers at home time if they have questions or queries about anything particularly if they want to know more about the curriculum and what is

being taught. The website will be updated to include information about each key stage and the curriculum coverage.

- Mrs. Humphrey explained that the school was interested in having parent volunteers during the summer term and there would be an upcoming meeting for all those interested.
- The parents were asked what they felt was going well at school –
'Warm, friendly environment where the children love coming to school.'
'Offering a wide range of experiences for children to learn.'
'Communication is good'
'99% is excellent, just a few little things to sort out.'
- The parents were asked what could be improved –
'Somewhere to hang coats up at breakfast club so they are not piled up on the floor.'
'The big gate needs to be opened at home time to avoid congestion when parents are picking up their children.'
'Children are not having lunch or feel rushed, especially the year 6 children and packed lunches' - it was suggested that pictures of the food would help the children to make choices.
'Working parents need more notice of events, trips etc.' - workshops and meetings can be delivered after school in some cases if there is demand for it.
- AOB – there was a question over homework, homework clubs and whether the teachers go over the homework with children when they bring it back. Parents also felt that it would be helpful, particularly in maths, to find out how methods are being taught so they could help their children at home – maths workshop in the summer term.
Maths classes for parents and a repeat of digital skills for those who didn't get a chance to participate in the last one.
Useful learning websites that can be used at home to be put on the school website.
- Next meeting – official opening of the new school building on 12th July, how can the forum contribute to the celebration – suggestions, food from different cultures, traditional dancing etc.
Follow up on school gates, website, coats in breakfast club, lunchtime provision