

## Parent forum minutes – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Present** – Corrina Gillard, Christine Leddy, Same Dowse, Katherine Pritchard, Kate Benson, Claire Day, Emma Wilkinson

**Apologies** – Sonia Grundy

### **Childcare Survey**

- 170 responses
- 33 families don't have childcare they need now and 46 may not in September

There has been some concern that the Bungalow is closing, this is not the case, the parents forum are aware of the shortfall of childcare and wanted to investigate whether the demand was high enough for extra childcare. Whilst it's not the school's responsibility to provide childcare the parents forum are supporting the process of trying to increase what's available by:

- Contacting the council with the results of the survey to make them aware of the shortfall – actioned by E.W.
- Contacting independent childcare providers with information from the survey and asking if they would be interested in setting up another after/before school club – actioned by S.D/S.G
- The parent's forum has also made the bungalow aware of the information from the survey and the actions we are taking.
- Kate Benson to raise this at the governors meeting
- SD to follow up with Junior school forum

### **Library**

Plan to open the library after school (once a week for each year group). We have 9-10 volunteers which is enough to start this in September. Volunteers will need training from Maxine Cronin before they can start. ?CL to arrange training?

### **Toe to toe**

A parent has approached us to ask if the school would be willing to take part in the toe to toe initiative where the children leave their school shoes at the end of term to be donated to charity. We agreed that this was a good idea but we will ask parents to bring a pair of old shoes to donate/shoes for children to change into so they are not leaving bare foot. Agreed to have a collection box rather than leaving on tables to save time. Message to go out via parent mail to request. \*\*Post meeting note: the parent was contacted to arrange sponsorship etc but no response was received so this did not proceed\*\*

### **Timings**

It had been raised that the timings of things in the summer term was inconvenient (i.e. summer fair, bag to school and cake sale all in the same week). This will be raised at the PTA meeting and thought about for next year.

### **Summer Fair**

The parents forum want to say a big thank you to the PTA, we all agreed that the fair was a big success.

**New members**

We currently have reps from all classes in 2017-18 but would welcome new cygnets parents – CL to speak at new parents meeting.

**Next Meeting**

22/09/17 – To discuss possible monthly contributions/donations from parents – new survey to be compiled and sent out after this meeting.

**Thank you to Sam Dowse for setting up and chairing the parent's forum over the last year.  
Katherine Pritchard will be the new chair for 2017-18.**