

Loudwater Combined School

Parents' Forum Meeting 24.6.19 at 7pm



Attendees:

Shelley Sheppard (Mum of Thomas Y5, Logan Y3 & Ellie Lou Y1, Chair of FOLS),
Nicky Springle (Mum of George Y3),
Kelly Greenlee (Mum of Shannon Y5, Keira Y3 & Kelci FS)
Jean Howard (Childminder),
Michelle Hazell (Mum of Imogen FS),
Paul Randall (Chair of Governors),
Clare Cunnington (Head teacher),

Apologies:

Leah Emery-Barnard (Mum of Matilda FS)
Paula Lee (Mum of Dylan Y3)
Annabel Balderson (Mum of Elizabeth Y1)
Jacquie Subhan (Mum of Jasmin Y2)

Job Descriptions for Class Reps

Still to be completed. Discussion around how to encourage more parents to attend. Suggested that we combine parent forum with other events eg: Phonics meetings / new parent welcome meeting / FOLS.

Also, discussion around timing. Would more people attend if the meetings were during the day? Could lack of interest be an indication that people are generally happy and therefore have no need to attend? Suggested a questionnaire be sent out to try and gauge reasons for lack of interest. Nicky to try and put something together.

Friends of Loudwater School (FOLS) Updates

Shelley reviewed the upcoming events and progress on the fete. Fete packs have gone home with each child including raffle tickets to sell and a wanted posted to complete. Mufti day in return for tombola donations.

Sports day – FOLS will provide bacon rolls and tea and coffee.

Transition day – FOLS to sell book bags / water bottles

School disco – change to the process to try and eliminate issues on the night. Gateway to close one week before the event to allow time to process. If no confirmation on the night, payment must be received before entry granted.

Possible quiz night in October.

School Updates

Visits and visitors

Year One visited St Tiggywinkles Animal Hospital and worked with the Chiltern Rangers.

Year 6 completed their residential trip to Green Park.

Year 4 and 5 have visited the church and worked on the river clean up at Kingsmead.

Year 5 also completed a diversity workshop and an e safety talk.

Various sports events have taken place including golf, tennis, football, netball and cricket. Jean asked if it could be made clear to the children how people were selected as there seemed to be some concerns around this.

Class and Values Assemblies

Year 5 and FS have values assemblies before the end of term.

Events since the last meeting have included: Red nose day, one can trust Easter egg swap, Mufti day to raise money for... and an ice pop sale to raise money for Yemen. The whole school trip to Kew Gardens was enjoyed across the board.

Upcoming events:

Induction / Transition day

Greek week which will culminate in sports day. Will also include an Aespos Fable workshop.

Santec will again be in school for a day to complete some jobs – bark for the outside area and a new shed for FS.

50 years since the 1st space landing – events around this to be held.

Reports home to parents on 5th July.

Academy Update

The diocese trust have been completing due diligence, assessing teaching and learning and behaviour and welfare. These areas were found to be outstanding. The due diligence process is ongoing.

Governor Update

The governors continue to work through our Multi Academy Trust application and due diligence process. There has been a lot of work carried out by the Oxford Diocese Bucks Schools Trust (ODBST) in regards to reviewing the school's education provision, budget and future predictions.

A full board meeting has been held. The Governing Board review several aspects of the school through the Head teacher's report, where Governors ask pertinent question around the report as well as completing a SOAR analysis (strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results). We also reviewed the ODBST report following the day that they had spent in school, part of this process also involved the ODBST challenging the Governors on their knowledge of the school.

Curriculum and finance and governor self-evaluation meetings upcoming.

New Ofsted framework to be discussed.

Paul mentioned how pleased both the governors and school are with the new FOLS committee and the relationship between all parties.

AOB – Feedback from class representatives/others at the meeting

School uniform

Parents continue to raise concerns around school uniform. The quality with myclothing is still not as good as PMG and sizing remains a concern. PMG have been difficult with some parents who have tried to order goods – some staff report that they no longer sell our uniform and others have been told it's a 6-8 week order time. Mrs Cunnington will talk to PMG to see if they will stock the PE T Shirts. It was generally agreed that parents would be happier paying a little more for better quality.

Communication

Issues with communication were raised – Kew Gardens was used as an example. Confusion around what children could wear – teachers were telling children something different to the messages being sent out. Change of timings was understood but the initial message did not take into account registration. It was felt that communication needed to be clearer to avoid the need for multiple messages.

Timings for sports day and the summer fete were also an issue – parents need some notice around timings for time off / planning the weekend. Mrs Cunnington will look into this.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Suggested date for the autumn term meeting: 3rd October 2019