

Loudwater Combined School
Parents Forum
9 November 2023
Minutes

Attendance:

Mrs Cunnington	CC	Headteacher
Mrs Olcot	JO	Year 2 Teacher
Mrs Welland	BW	Year 6 Teacher
Shelley Sheppard	SS	FOLS
Vicki Marzana	VM	FOLS
John Marzana	JM	FOLS
Kimberley Bevan	KB	Y1
Vicky Bowden	VB	Y4
Michelle Hazell	MH	Y1, Y5, Governor
Madeline Bevan	MB	Y5, Y6
Annabel Balderson	AB	Y6

Welcome

Mrs Cunnington welcomed us to the meeting.

Apologies

Jean Howard

Chair of Parents Forum

Discussed the need for a Chair – not considered a pressing issue at this time.

Will look to continue to combine Parents Forum meeting with FOLS meeting moving forward to boost attendance.

Discussed how to generate more parental involvement in both Parent Forum and FOLS.

Class Representatives

As detailed above – missing representatives for FS, Y2, and Y3.

Some potential names put forward – to be discussed with individuals.

Main responsibility would be to ask for points on class chat and feedback to CC.

School Information

Mrs Cunnington detailed the recent events at the school:

- School celebrated 50th birthday at current site.
- Open days have been well attended – parents have been very complimentary of the student guides from Y6.
- Continuing with Flackwell Heath library visits.
- Children managed to continue with swimming throughout September 2023.
- Y4 and Y5 have had their Value's assemblies, which were well attended by parents.
- Y6 had a trip to the Ashmolean Museum.
- 'Bring your adults to school' events have been well attended.
- Blue Cross have held virtual sessions about looking after animals.
- A Poetry event was held in the first half of the term where children shared their poems to the rest of the school.
- Governor visits held this term.
- A group of Y5 children have started their ReMind course with St Peters/Gemma.
- A group of Y6 children have started a wellbeing course.

Upcoming events include:

- Remembrance Day Service at St Peters on Sunday 12th November with House Captains attending.
- The school will be holding a Remembrance Assembly on 14th November and classes will be visiting the war memorial next week.
- Children in Need – selling merchandise and a mufti day on 17th November.
- There will be Christmas Plays being held for KS1 and FS parents.
- Y3 and Y4 will be doing a Carol Service.
- Whole school Christmas Roadshow on 4th December at St Peter's.
- Chiltern Rangers will also be visiting and working with children this term.

Governor Information

Michelle gave the Governor Update:

- There have been 2 new Parent Governors since last Parent's Forum – only one vacancy now (LA Governor)
- We meet on average once a month, with our next meeting being FGB on Monday 13 November, which will focus on the Headteacher's Report for Autumn Term 2023. We have also been focussing on the updated curriculums put in place since the OFSTED visit, which the teachers have been working very hard on.
- Governor visits held this term, visiting Y1 – Y6, speaking to staff and children.

Items from Class Representatives

No points raised.

AOB

Safeguarding – Mrs Cunnington provided a copy of the 'child friendly' Safeguarding information that Teachers will be discussing with children in the coming weeks. All in attendance agreed that the information was appropriate and well written to help the children think about when they might need to talk to a trusted adult.

Parking – continues to be an issue with some parents using the hill, despite this not being allowed.

Date and time of next meeting

Mrs Cunnington to schedule.