**Havannah Parents Forum Meeting Term Autumn 2017**

# Date: 8.11.17

# Time: 6pm

**Present: Lucy Wakefield, Suzi Loomes, Jemma Clack, Amanda Graham, Tracey Taylor, Alison Colbridge**

**Poppy Cuff Mum.**

# Apologies: None

# Agenda:

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| Item | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| Pre-school and before and after school club update | An update was given regarding the pre-school and before and after school club current position. Feedback given from parents Positive Feedback given regarding the transition into pre-school for new pupils. |  |
| Communication | Feedback from parents about communication from school/home.  What is working well?  Text messages and Newsletters.  Website booking for parents evening  Blogging is good | * Continuity in planners with regard to feedback given to parents * Staff to initial/tick a parent comment when read to acknowledge. * Let parents know how to receive notifications via word-press when new blog has been added via newsletter |
| Website | Parents discussed the schools current website and looked at any further information we needed to add  Parents like the blogging….particularly during residential visits | * Add staff email to class pages as point of contact * Update pictures of new classrooms and teachers. * All letters to go onto the website in date order * Look at mobile version * Update home page photos. |

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| Homework | Parents discussed current homework policy. Parents are now using the new My Maths and talked on the whole positively about it. Concerns were raised about amount of homework and stress caused when children do not want to complete homework set. Opinions on homework and its value beyond the end of the school day were discussed in detail and vary. It was suggested that children receive weekly ‘My Maths’, Reading and Spellings. No additional literacy given. Instead parents discussed a more topic/literacy based piece over the holidays when the children have got more time. | * Homework given to be reviewed * Homework clubs offered after school again in KS1/KS2 to help support parents (High Tea!) * Instructions of how to use ‘My Maths’ on the I-pad/Tablet to be added to the newsletter |
| After school clubs/provision? | Mrs Williams discussed as a response from the last parent forum the school have put on a greater number of ‘free’ after school clubs this half term for all pupils ran by school staff. Parents discussed how they would like to see a cooking club again and a homework club. Parents offered to help to run a club alongside the support of a teacher. | * Parents would like to see more sports clubs for the children ran by school staff so that there is no cost involved. |
| Parent workshops | Workshops this academic year have been provided on Read, Write Inc, Internet Safety, Behaviour and Assessment in school. The low uptake of these was discussed…..how can we ensure more parents attend?  Ideas to promote the workshops included….   * Individual flyers to be given out to children * Different talk times early/late * Creche offered * Vary days | * Arrange a Maths workshop for parents on ‘calculation policy’ and ‘My Maths’ in the Spring Term. * Offer workshops @3:30 (+ Creche) and then repeat again at 6pm for working parents. * Inform parents in Year 2 and Year 6 about SAT’S tests. |
| Residential trips  Other | We currently run residential visits in Y1-6. Many parents find their children love them and gain a lot from the experiences of learning out of the classroom. Cost of the trips for parents with more than one child were then discussed. The possibility of doing trips in Year 2, 4 and 6 only was raised. It was decided that another parent survey would be done with all year groups to gain wider feedback about value for money and parental views. Timing in the year was also discussed with regards to allowing parents enough time to pay the monies.  Forest Schools – We now have 2 trained forest schools teachers. We have also received some funding for some equipment. The Early Years children now access Forest Schools each Friday with a view to each class in the school having forest schools time.  Uniform supplier- concerns were raised about order turn around time and quality of the garments. Have we changed suppliers?  School calendar- Can parents have dates as far as possible for key events e.g. sports days for the whole academic year to allow for better forward planning,  Reading Books – The policy for home reading was discussed. | * Parent survey to be completed to help to inform decisions to whether the number of trips should be scaled down? * All classes to take part in forest schools sessions. * Forest schools club to be offered next half term * Mrs Ball to speak to DP sportswear about issues raised about quality of uniform. * Mrs Worrall to add key dates in diary on newsletter til the end of the year. * Next year add to school planners. * Can ‘Red’ words be highlighted in paper black and white copies to help support children who need them highlighting * Can teachers check how often books rea being changed * Reading rewards to be used consistently throughout the school |