

Parent Forum Minutes

12.5.17

Mrs Hunter

- 1) We shared the positive feedback that a parent had heard from colleagues from the school where she works who are attending the HLTA course run at our school by Jon Clark. When visiting the classes as part of the training they were really impressed with how well behaved our children were and how happy and confident they were to talk about their learning. This reflected the feedback I had received earlier in the week from a headteacher at another school who has also sent a colleague to the training.
- 2) There was an update on the Teaching School designation which is being held up with the general election. We talked about the level of teacher involvement in this, which has been quite minimal. However, we continue to monitor this and it is often other projects/commitments away from the TS which usually mean our children are away from their class. Our chair of governors, who is also a parent, talked about the governors' role in tracking performance and ensuring that standards remain high.
- 3) The school play was discussed and to date there is only positive feedback into how it is being organised and run. Parents asked if the teachers were managing it ok and it was explained that we are aiming to keep the rehearsals in the two week period with supply booked to cover classes at this time. This means we don't need after school/weekend rehearsals. It was explained that due to the supply costs and the performance licence that we would be charging £4 per adult ticket and £3 for children. It was agreed that this should not be a problem.
- 4) We shared the positive feedback that we have received from many parents about the encouraging way that the Year 6 pupils had been supported through their SATs. It was felt that the school had not put pressure on the children to perform to a certain standard which was in contrast to the experience of their friends in other schools. The rationale for our 'booster' groups was explained which we tried this year. The vast majority of pupils felt really positively about these. We will make a decision later in the year as to whether or not we run these next year.