



Parent Voice
Information and Update Session
Wednesday 22nd May 2019

5 parents attended the morning session 3 parents/grandparent attended the evening session

Mrs Callow wanted to carry out a re-cap on the previous meeting, discuss our next phase as a school and welcome any questions and comments.

To recap on a previous concern regarding the recruitment and retention of staff

The school is looking to recruit four teachers for the new academic year. We have received 25 applications which are very positive in light of our current climate. Interviews are taking place and parents will be notified on the website when the new staff are appointed. The school is currently carrying out a restructure to ensure we utilise key skills to the maximum. The staff will have the rest of the summer term to attend training and up skill before the new academic year.

Parent question – Will there be existing teachers in Year 2?

Answer-Yes the school have ensured that we have strong year groups to lead the school forward

To recap on previous concerns regarding the absence of staff

Staff attendance has stabilised at present and to date the school does not have any concerns.

To recap on parents asking for staff photos to be placed on the website

This will be possible once we have recruited all staff.

Next Phase

Mrs Callow discussed that the school was entering a second round of recruitment for a head teacher and that she would be the acting Head teacher.

Parent question – When does the head teacher recruitment start?

Answer: Interviews to be held in July with a Head teacher starting in January 2020.

Mrs Callow reported that she is well supported by Mrs Sargent the head teacher from the Junior School, along with Mr Lees the School Improvement Partner. Mr Lees is an ex-head teacher and a current Ofsted Inspector. The school is also working with the Maths and Literacy Hubs and Early Years Team to learn from their expertise.

Recap on communicating with parents

The parents had very positive feedback on the weekly newsletter and felt it kept them up to date with current events.

Mrs Callow discussed the 'Tapestry' system that the school are purchasing for September that will help the school's assessment system as well as a communication tool for parents.

School reports were discussed and Mrs Callow said that she would bring examples to the next meeting. The current reports system will continue until the end of the school year.

Parents supporting pupils at home was discussed with the likelihood of more maths, reading and writing information sessions for parents. Discussions took place on the timings of the parent voice meetings. It was decided to have the early and late sessions to accommodate parents; however we may have to look at the timings of the evening session.

Parent meetings with teachers were discussed and the different ways of holding the sessions.

Parent question- Does the Infants and Junior school have the same INSET days next year?

Answer- Fours days are the same with the Infants having the 6th January and the Juniors a different day.

Parent question- Have you looked at schools for other ideas?

Answer-The school has looked at other examples from schools.

Parent question-Could we have detailed hand-outs from the information sessions to help the parents?

Answer-The school would look to implement this.

Parent question- In relation to Ofsted and moving forward how is the school dealing with boys' handwriting and reading?

Answer- The school is implementing a writing scheme, along with giving the boys a purpose to write for example this week we had 'Mark's Ark' animal visiting.

Core Values of the School

Mrs Callow discussed the flipchart that has been positioned outside of the office asking for parent's views on our schools purpose, value and vision. This will be added to comments gathered from pupils, staff and governors to create our Ethos.

Parent question – Is there capacity for our school along with other local schools to get involved with the community projects

Answer – We have made a connection with a local care home for pupils to write to residents about their school life to create pen pals that can be linked to our writing and history topics. Mrs Callow is keen to create a big project that incorporates all year groups. The school is already part of the Redruth Learning Group where we have opportunities to work together. Our school is still learning and evolving we need to start small and look at all opportunities.

Ideas discussed were: McMillian coffee mornings held at school.

Trewirgie Infants, Junior and Redruth School to raise money for a community project that will be mutually beneficial.

Parent question-Did Ofsted comment on the attendance of parents at these parent voice meetings?

Answer-Not directly, but the focus was on communication with parents.

Parking

Mrs Baker discussed the meetings that were held with the traffic enforcement officers from the Council to ensure the safety of our pupils. The enforcement officers will have a regular presence at the school to educate parents on where to park safely. They are also planning on coming into school in July to talk to pupils along with an evening parent session to discuss the current issues.

Parent questions- What initiatives are available, could we offer a 'bonus' scheme for not driving to school?

Answer-We cannot put in place a 'bonus' scheme' as we have parents that have to drive to school. The school has put in place free passes to three local car parks, along with the 'drop and go' for the KS1 pupils.

AOB

Parent question-What is the short term plan for the school?

Answer-The school is working with the maths and literacy hubs along with an Early Years external consultant.

Mrs Callow valued the parents time and thanked all for attending.