

## **Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting**

### **Carlton in Snaith Primary School**

**14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

**Present :** Sam Armstrong, Tina Clarke, Alison Gibson, Billy Maunsell, Jim Wood.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **1 Anti Bullying Policy**

An open meeting was discussed. Concerns were raised about impartiality and names remaining anonymous. Comments have been raised from parents via this forum.

The policy was discussed in light of various comments. It was amended to include parent involvement via the class teacher at (a). Parents would be invited into school formally to discuss concerns at (b). At this point a plan would be agreed between pupil/parents/school.

It was asked if school can effectively implement this policy? TC responded that in most cases yes, but in a few cases this isn't possible and outside agencies would have to be involved.

It was highlighted that Ofsted investigated bullying during the recent inspection.

The school is also working with Barwick Parade in Selby, an enhanced mainstream provision school specialising in challenging behaviour pupils. One of the strategies used is to allow positive rewards for acceptable behaviour. It was acknowledged that this may appear unfair to other pupils. Generally good behaviour is rewarded through green time.

MSA staff are also to receive additional training with regard to challenging behaviour. There has also been a change to working patterns.

**2 School Website** – The new one expected to go live very soon. Parent forum minutes will be available on the new site.

**3 Homework** - From previous minutes:

*Please can pupils be given longer than a weekend to complete work? It was agreed by TC that Friday to Tuesday was reasonable.*

*Can homework be more consistent across year groups? At the moment each class has a different way of bringing homework home.*

*Can homework be issued in a regular pattern each week please?*

TC to follow up. TC also confirmed that a homework sheet had gone out to relevant parents.

**3 Class structure 2015/16** – This will be confirmed by the end of the month following the confirmation of the reception class pupils.

**4 KS1 SATs classes – why are these held out of school hours?** School is trying to help pupils get the best results they can achieve.

**5 KS1 SATs revision** – Please do not label homework as SATs revision. Pupils have been upset by this. Parents are happy to support the revision worksheets but asked for them to be sent home as homework worksheets.

**6 Mrs Clarke** – How will school be affected by Mrs Clarke being offsite at her new school? There will be a minimum number of days when Mrs Clarke is offsite. Her cover will be funded by Fishergate.

**7 Appointment of new Head** – The governors will keep parents updated with regard to this process.

**8 Cutting the grass** – Can school please keep on to of the cutting to enable pupils to use the field for breaks/PE as much as possible? TC to checking cutting options.

**9 PE** – Please ensure that this is taking place and outside if appropriate.

**10 – New Starter Packs.** These are being updated by TC and Mrs Smith.

**11 - New members** – The forum still needs to see more parents, from all classes, taking part in the forum.

Next meeting date : **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm.**