

Bridgewater Primary School Parent Forum Minutes			
Date of Meeting:	29.11.2017	Time of Meeting:	5.00pm-6.00pm
Number in attendance:	5 parents Mr Doherty (Deputy Headteacher) Miss Knipe (Assistant Headteacher) Miss Dalton (EYFS Leader)		
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome- aims and purpose</li> <li>2. Nursery 2018</li> <li>3. Trips and Visitors</li> <li>4. Always Initiative</li> <li>5. Agenda for next meeting.</li> </ol>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Doherty welcomed all parents to the Parent's Forum. Purpose was explained- that regular, open communication and consultation with parents is highly valued and that the forum aims to represent the views of parents and to be a voice to inform school of the needs of children and families. Also, to involve parents and carers actively in school decisions and make plans to support the school to develop and improve outcomes for children. The aim is to have a range of parents representing different classes and year groups. Mr Doherty explained that the meetings would be held each half-term and that the agenda would be prepared in advance and circulated via a letter or text. Introductions were made by both staff and parents (covering a range of year groups-, Reception, Years 1, 3 and 6).  <b>Mr Doherty discussed effective methods for communicating with parents and agreed this would be added to the agenda of the next Parent Forum.</b> </li> <li>2. Current nursery arrangements discussed and possible proposals for September 2019 moving to a 52 place part time nursery. Parents were encouraged to discuss. Some felt that a full day was quite a lot of time to be in school for a 3 year old. Generally they were in favour of the 52 place provision, but acknowledged that some working parents would be discouraged from applying. However, with the number of applications being so high in 2017, they felt it would not have a negative impact on school.</li> <li>3. Trips and Visitors Policy and procedures were shared. Parents felt that the trips were really good, affordable and of a great variety. Two parents brought up the point that some parents didn't pay and felt that this was unfair. Mr Doherty and Miss Knipe explained that school make every effort to obtain contributions from parents and that the majority of parents do contribute. Parents commented on how valuable the experiences are as the children talk about them at home and remember them.</li> <li>4. Always initiative was discussed and the rationale behind it. One of the five parents in attendance did not like the initiative, she felt it was a long time to wait (one term) to go and felt that only 5 children were chosen from each class and if they broke one of the golden rules once, they wouldn't attend. Miss Knipe and Mr Doherty assured her that there was not a limit on attendees, and also that the selection of children is not based on one incident and that children are given chances to change their behaviour for the better and therefore could attend the always party. It was about an 'overall' picture of the child – not based on one single incident.  <b>A suggestion was made by parents of a house point system to celebrate good behaviour.</b> </li> <li>5. Mr Doherty asked if there were any requests for the next meeting's agenda and that parents</li> </ol>			

could notify school in advance for any items they would like to be discussed.

Suggestions – Sports Day arrangements, School dinners.