

Parent Forum Minutes 4th December 2015 - Junior Site

Present:	Mr Tomson	Mrs Mole/Mrs Ghouse (F) Mrs Trew (1), Mrs Goodson (2), Mrs Clayton (3) Mrs Kirkwood (4),	Mrs Kirkwood (4) Mrs Siddall (5), Mrs Timman (6)
Apologies:	Mrs Stevenson; Mrs Lyall; Mrs Bockmuehl		

Actions from Previous Minutes (15/10/15)

- **Assessment** - the school had set up an information evening for parents on the new assessments but there had been a disappointing low attendance with less than five parents present. The slides from the presentation are on the school website 'Assessment Development Slides' within the Key Information section. <http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/key-information/>
The changes in terminology and targets will be fully in place from September 2016. There are assessments in Year 2 and Year 6 and the children are familiarized with these assessments throughout the term.
- **Handwriting Lines** - Junior Spelling templates have been updated to include handwriting lines. The infant one is to be completed. School is looking to run a workshop on Spelling and Handwriting in 2016. **Action: Mr Tomson to look into Infant handwriting lines on spellings.**
- **Workshops & Apps** - The slides from the parent workshop on 'What else can I do at home?' school had been uploaded onto the website within the Key Information section. <http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/key-information/>
- **Maths Workshop** - has been set up for 20th January 2016. Feedback from parents via Parent Forum would be appreciated.
- **Parent Feedback** - **ACTION carried forward** Parents, if you haven't already, please take the time to give Ofsted your feedback via www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. Some entries are years out of date so the school would appreciate it if parents could take some time to fill out the online questionnaire. **Action: Parent Forum reps to reiterate the importance of completing this as there is still not enough data to pull a report from at the moment.**
- **Infant Site Water Fountain** - Mrs Price explained that this was still on the plan for the building works but water pipework for the fountain is quite a distance from where the fountain is to be sited.

Matters Arising

- **Communication of Christmas Performances** - parents had appreciated Mrs Chaplin's 'Dates for your Diary' which gave plenty of notice for Christmas performances, etc.

- **New Parents Evening Schedules** - in light of the new assessment process and feedback from 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, a new schedule for Parents' Evenings has been devised. In the first few weeks of the term a Parent meeting will be held with their teacher to review the previous term's work and to agree a plan of targets for the coming term. In the first few weeks of the autumn term of each academic year there will be a Parents Evening which will enable a review of the pupil's previous academic year including the end of year report. Rather than the general Meet the Teacher, this will enable Parents and teachers to have a much more detailed review and a personalized plan for the coming academic year.
- **Sweets** - concern from a parent around sweet/sugary snacks given out by children for their birthdays or by teachers as a special occasion. The school reiterated their policy that the children take them home in bookbags and are asked to check with parents before consuming.
- **Bike Rack** - request had been made to investigate a bike/scooter rack for the Infant site. **Mr Tomson to investigate.**

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - 9AM INFANT SITE