

Parents' Voice notes from Term 2 meeting – 3rd February 2015

18 people attended the meeting, including a parent whose child started last week. The meeting was facilitated by Ali Hassan (Parent Governor), with support from Khalif Noor (Somali Achievement Manager). Rachel Davies (Leader of Adventures), Vikki Bird (Family Mentor), Ruth Cochran (Community Development Coordinator) and Kirsty Judge, (Reading Recovery teacher) also attended.

Item	Response / Action
Sex and Relationships Education week. Ms Ramsay asked for some feedback from parents – what have parents heard about the week's learning from their children?	<p>Feedback was generally positive. Parents said how mature and sensible children had been in their discussions.</p> <p>One parent reported that another parent had said her child had gone home and looked lots of things up on the internet, not necessarily appropriately. This led to a discussion about internet safety. School is having an internet safety week next week, including a session for parents on Friday 13th at 10.00.</p> <p>One parent said he felt children were too young to learn about some of the topics – other parents countered that the lessons were pitched differently in different year groups. Ali explained that he had been part of the working party of parents and staff who had discussed lessons in detail, including looking at all the resources used in all lessons.</p>
<p>Playtime / lunchtime incidents.</p> <p>A parent raised concerns about incidents occurring at lunchtime not being followed up by staff. The parent also said that children were bullied by others for telling adults about incidents. She suggested a system of playground prefects.</p>	<p>Fatoumata explained the procedures that happen after any incident at lunchtime. She also outline the new arrangements whereby every class has a lunchtime staff member linked to them. At the end of lunchtime, the staff member goes in with the children and hands over to the teacher, reporting back on good behaviour and explaining any incidents that may have raised.</p> <p>Fatoumata said that children generally have very good, trusting relationships with the lunchtime staff and are quick to tell them about any incidents or accidents.</p> <p>Ruth agreed to ask Mr Webster about the specific incident referred to, and report back to the parent in question.</p>
As agreed last meeting, Miss Judge came to give an update on reading. She explained the new bookmarks which are being introduced, which outline the reading skills needed at different levels.	<p>The new bookmarks were warmly welcomed. They will need more exploration and explanation and Ruth will take these to various parent classes. One parent said these are exactly what we need!</p> <p>We will ask Miss Judge to do a display about bookmarks and people can look at this at Learning Review meetings</p>
Vikki introduced herself – she is the Family Mentor covering Samira whilst she is on maternity leave.	Vikki will organise some coffee mornings, especially to focus on what enrichment activities parents would like to see offered. These will start next term and information will be in the newsletter.
Reception feedback. One dad mentioned he doesn't have enough information about what they are learning in Reception classes. Although he understands about the new Interactive Learning Diaries, he doesn't feel this gives enough information.	We will follow this up and report back to the next meetings. There is another Open morning planned for March and this will be an ideal opportunity to find out how classes run!

Next meeting: Thursday 19 March 2015.