

Parents' Voice notes from Term 4 meeting – 16th March 2017

16 parents attended. The meeting was facilitated by Ruth Cochrane (Community Development Coordinator), Amy Creech (Chair of Governors) and Ali Hassan (Parent Governor). Other staff attending were Sue Ramsay (Head teacher) and Fatoumata Ba (Lunchtime leader).

Item	Response / Action
Welcome and introductions	
<p>Dads' Group update Ali Hassan talked about the new dads' group. The aim is for the dads to be role models for boys, to show and share enjoyment of reading. The group have had 3 training sessions with Miss Judge and are now reading with boys in school.</p>	<p>Amy Creech explained that this is one of the school's priorities and the school data behind this initiative – boys do not achieve quite as well as girls in reading, she explained that the school also addresses this in other ways Ruth encouraged people to use Bug Club. There was a request for reading challenge. Ruth will pass this request on to Kirsty Judge.</p>
<p>School lunches Fatoumata circulated the new menu for after Easter and discussed the importance of parents talking through the meal options with their children in advance.</p>	<p>Ruth suggested that parents come and try the school meals. 5 parents were interested in this (Patrice Dyer, Aminata Jobe, Asad Maie, Suhur, Ifrah Aden). Thursday was the preferred day. Ruth will liaise with Fatoumata to set this up.</p>
<p>Ofsted Miss Ramsay gave an update on Ofsted, who we are expecting a visit from any day. She talked about the things the inspectors will be looking for and encourage parents to talk to inspectors when they are here. She asked parents to complete the 'Parent View' online questionnaire</p>	<p>Parents to encourage others to complete the Ofsted 'Parent View' questionnaire.</p>
<p>Parking Ruth and Ali explained that almost all parents park safely and considerately. There are a few parents who park by the entrance to Kingsley House and this had led to complaints from neighbours. Everyone was encourage to pass the word around and leaflets were circulated.</p>	<p>The dads' parking patrol will help as and when they can.</p>
<p>Fundraising for the famine in Somalia Parents discussed how the school can support the current emergency. Various ideas were put forward, including after school events, cake sales and film nights, and a women's evening event. Parents agreed that we need to choose carefully which charity any funds raised would be sent to.</p>	<p>Ms Ramsay said she will talk to the assembly council once a decision is made about which charity funds should be sent to. School will support as much as we can. It would be fine to use the school building for an evening event. A sub group was formed to move this on. A provisional date was set – 31 March - for an after-school film night with snacks for children, and tea and snacks for mums.</p>

Next term's meeting date will be advertised in the newsletter and text reminders will be sent.