

Minutes of Parent forum 3 April 2017

### **1. Outcomes of Pupil and Parent Questionnaires:**

A detailed analysis of the Parent Questionnaires was not given as OFSTED were in the following day and the parental opinion would be gathered from that. However, the vast majority of parents (96%+) agreed or strongly agreed with the statements on the questionnaire. They asked for more information on the maths passports (See below).

They praised the EYFS provision asking that it could open for more sessions.

Pathfinders was judged to be having a positive impact on their child 88% with 12 % unable to comment)

Parents of pupils with special educational needs felt that their child was making good progress because of the support (92% with 8% unable to comment)

**The outcomes of the children's questionnaires were discussed and are attached to these minutes.**

### **2. Facebook**

The discussion of how information and events that happen at Soudley School are shared was discussed.

Whilst Soudley School Facebook is a private site, parents can chose to 'like' events and so information goes further than the immediate parents. Some felt that they did not want share their children's information in this way.

The purpose of the SS Facebook page was to share good news and events with the community so that the positive school profile 'gets out there'. This helps with our sustainability and developing success.

Outcome:

We will remind parents about the current settings for the Facebook page and why they are set in that way. We will be mindful of what is being posted and should parents and/ or school feel that the balance of sharing good news about the school is being affected by over sharing, we will review the settings.

Please, if you are concerned by it then contact the school so that we can gauge people's opinions.

### **3. Staffing**

Fiona Toomer: Fiona is pregnant and will leave to start her Maternity leave hopefully at the end of the summer term. The details are to be finalised but Saron Hetenyi will be teaching the class for some of the week with a job share for the other part of the week. Congratulations were passed to Mrs Toomer.

Kim Defraime: Kim will be leaving us at Easter after many, many years at Soudley School (she thinks it is about 20!). She has contributed to so much of the school's development and is a wonderful

colleague to work with. Kim will be greatly missed by everyone in the school and we pass on our best wishes for her future.

Bumblebees: Gemma Buckingham has been in post as Early Years Teacher for the past couple of weeks and was welcomed to the Parent Forum. Gemma is looking to develop the Bumblebees provision by extending preschool sessions and setting up a Baby and Toddler Group. More information will follow.

#### **4. Maths Passports**

Parents had asked for more information on the passports.

The passport is a fun way to challenge children to learn their mental recall facts. There are many countries for the children to visit. Each country has a set of maths facts that they need to learn. When they have learnt them they get to fly to another country which 'ceremoniously' do in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

The children ask to be tested on the facts when they are ready. We will also test them in Pathfinders and maths lessons so that if they are not as forthcoming, they still get the opportunity to progress.

There is information for parents which has been shared through previous communications about the maths passport.

They have the maths recall questions on them, what it means and examples of questions you can ask your children to check if they understand.

These were printed out and available at the meeting. Please ask at the Office if you would like copy of one.

They are also available here on this link. Scroll down to the country that your child is working on and click on Parent Support.

[http://www.redoaks.org/pupil\\_portal/pp\\_maths\\_12.php](http://www.redoaks.org/pupil_portal/pp_maths_12.php)

Parents were then invited to attend the Curriculum Workshops in the School.

Meeting closed at 3.45.