



## NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"

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### **Parent Forum Minutes 9.2.23**

*Present: Mrs Palmer-LP (Oak and Birch), Mrs Warren-Wood-GWW (Ash and Elm), Mrs Peel-Yates LPY(Birch), (Ash) Mr Smith- PS (Headteacher) Mrs Kelly (Birch), Mrs Price (Elm and Ash)*

Points for discussion from School

#### **1. Curriculum Evening**

- Feedback that parents were really interested but different commitments meant they couldn't attend.
- Discussions were held about recording the sessions, having hybrid sessions or virtual sessions. PS to look into varying it up to help different people attend.
- Next one will be planned for after Easter.

#### **2. School Lunches**

- Feedback about the following:
  - o lunches were mixed with some loving the meal choices and others not.
  - o Some children not getting enough or not being allowed more than one filling in deli
  - o Some week no Yorkshire puddings
  - o Pudding ran out for children in the week and they couldn't have any
  - o The burger wasn't well received yesterday from some children
- Lots are now doing packed lunches especially in KS2
- Some children in KS2 not receiving any milk- PS to check this as they are labelled and put in the hall every day.
- PS to talk to area manger about concerns from parents. School buys in this service which we are required to provide and doesn't make any profit from this. PS will work with Freshstart to try to build back up numbers. New menus are being sent out tomorrow.

#### **3. Spruce up the school**

- Feedback that parents would be interested in helping and suggestions were made to put a sign up sheet at parents evening including what things they could help with.

Points for discussion from Parent Forum Representatives

#### **1. Achievements**

- Feedback about celebration assembly and certificates. Positive consensus with the new ways we praise children through different things. Comments were made regarding the children who always work hard not always getting a certificate but then it was discussed about being invited to the headteachers tea. PS explained some other the ways we now praise children and it was suggested that a diagram to help parents understand would be beneficial. Some parents had liked the spelling certificate last year as this year there child isn't as interested but realised that for some children it put them off trying if they weren't in the top ten. PS explained it was a fine balance but thought the positive postcards helped



give children more immediacy the praise but also that a well done should be enough for children sometimes too.

## 2. Homework/Seesaw

- There was some feedback about having more worksheets and books rather than apps for homework. So thought the apps were better as they engaged the children more and didn't like worksheets. It was discussed that parents could do on paper and photograph to seesaw. One parent explained that she has one child on their phone doing work while other is on a different device.
- Feedback that some spelling homework wasn't easy to see. PS to check how long spelling is posted onto spelling shed by teachers.
- Feedback about confusion about where the homework activities as some parents commented they didn't have homework. PS said there had been some a glitch from seesaw but that was fixed. PS sends 2 pieces out which could include art activity, work on values, keys etc. Every class has had homework posted and a sheet goes out to explain what it is. PS will look at reminding parents how to navigate seesaw.
- Feedback that some classes had lots on seesaw, but this isn't consistent across the school. PS to investigate this.

## 3. Clubs

- Feedback that some children especially older hadn't been as interested in the clubs this term. It was commented that they do appreciate the clubs that were put on. Parents commented that we are spoilt at school when many school don't do any. PS explained that these are varied each term.

## 4. Mud

- It was commented that the mud was problem for many and keeping school shoes clean. It was understood that it is tricky but maybe children have opportunities to wear different shoes inside or out. PS to think about it as he has noticed this has become a problem after trying to improve the playground.

## 5. PATH time

- It was commented how much lots of parents love PATH time and feel it really nice to see the children talk about their work

## 6. PTFA

- Discussions were had about the PTFA and the events that happened so far and work is needed to help keep this vital group going in the future. New dates will be shared which include Mothers Day and Fathers Day Tea. A meeting is being arranged after half term on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. A talent content is going to be planned for the summer as some missed the music concerts that happened before covid.

## 7. Headlice

- There continues to be headlice in school and some parents treat regularly. There was suggestion of keeping bottles of products to help left in the front entrance if any parents need it to help with eradicating this problem.

## 8. Consequences

- Parents enquired about children being sent to other rooms and was it part of the behaviour policy. PS explained that it is part of the policy called a **time out** but is it to help children re-regulate to join back after a number of steps to support them previously. If any parents are concerned about particular cases in classes, don't hesitate to contact PS about it. There had been a particular day where this was happening more but this has been investigated by PS.

Parent Forum wanted a special mention to Mrs Marsella-Brookes to thank her for everything she does.

Meeting finished 9:25am

Notes by PSmith