



March 2018

Dear Parents,

Parent Partnership is an informal meeting between teachers and parents and an opportunity to have a discussion about topics relating to school life. Thanks go to representatives who gave up their time to attend Parent Partnership in March.

Nursery			
Reception	Mrs Fryer (Maple)	Mrs Parfitt (Birch)	
Year 1	Mrs Brown (Willow)		
Year 2	Mrs Turfail (Rowan)		
Staff	Mrs Morrison	Mrs Sarah Church	
Apologies were received from Mrs Chapman & Mrs Gardner			

School Topics

Parents' Evening

All parents present reported on how well the new electronic system had worked and how it was a convenient and easy way to make appointments.

Parents expressed gratitude to teachers' availability over three nights at various times - making it more accessible for busy working parents.

Mother's Day

All parents agreed that the Mother's Day Assembly was lovely, and all were very grateful to Blossomfield staff for their time and effort with this.

PTA stall for the children was very well received by all and a really exciting thing for the children to be involved in.

Parents commented on the lovely Mother's Day lunch, and felt it was a great opportunity to share special time with their children, and how children had enjoyed welcoming their parents into the school, to show them what they do at lunch time.

Mrs Morrison expressed gratitude for such positive feedback.

Separated Parents Policy

Mrs Morrison explained the reasons for needing such a policy and each parent was given a copy to read.

Mrs Morrison clarified the need to inform separated parents individually about school activities, parents evenings etc.

Safeguarding issues were also briefly discussed and all were satisfied that the policy was perfectly satisfactory.

Mrs Morrison explained that the policy would be added to those featured on the website in due course.

Parent Topics

Curriculum

Year One parents had suggested that there seems to be less Maths homework than other subjects. Mrs Morrison kindly agreed to look into this.

Parent Partnership

With Year One spelling homework parents have requested whether it is possible to gain more clarity on the result a child was getting in their dictation each week.

Mrs Rae is looking into this at present as Literacy Lead.

It was suggested that work could be sent home for parents to see, in a book, but it was agreed by all that this could be problematic as books may be left at home etc.

It was agreed by parents and staff that teacher work load is already high and that any solution must not be more onerous for teaching staff. Mrs Morrison agreed to look into all the options and that this would be revisited.

Year Two parents reported that they are extremely happy with the way their children are progressing and the way they are cared for at Blossomfield. All parents present agreed with this.

Reception

Mrs Fryer commented on the playground paintings that have recently been added and how beautiful they are.

Parents had commented on the new allotment boxes and how exciting it looks. Mrs Morrison expressed gratitude to Lloyds Bank employees, who had volunteered their time to come and do this.

Mrs Morrison also explained how the children would be planting over the year and that produce will be used in school kitchen where possible.

Reception parents had requested that a second reminder be sent out in the weekly newsletter about events taking place in school, as well as the initial dates issued at the beginning of each term.

It was recognised that the school try really hard to keep parents informed and do a really good job here, but will endeavour to keep parents informed on a weekly basis too.

Parents commented on how valuable they find the weekly newsletter.

Parents commented on how well the teachers know the children and how evident this was at Parents' Evening. Parents were grateful to staff for their commitment to the children and the evident progress they have made since September.

All parents and staff expressed gratitude to Blossomfield staff for the time they give to provide intervention groups to aid children's progress.

Staff and parents were also praised for the extra-curricular clubs provided at the school and how beneficial this is to the children.

Thanks to Mrs Parfitt for taking the minutes.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 18th May 2018 @ 9am