

West Oxford Community Primary School

Parent Forum Meeting 26 January 2018

Present:

Dani (R), Cathy (1), Amit (2), Stuart (3), Heidi (4), Claudia(5), Lynne (6), Claire (Head), Louise (Governor)

Parent Questionnaire

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to complete the parent questionnaire. Year 6 students helped to get an increase in response from 68 to 109 respondents by handing out additional questionnaires at parent evening. All measures except "I know who the Governors are" improved and are at very high levels. Details of the Governors can be found in the school entrance hall and on the website at <http://westoxfordschool.co.uk/our-school-2/governors/> Constructive feedback is very important to the school and it gives guidance on areas to improve, in response you will have noticed an increased frequency in school newsletters and increased transparency in how the school is run with details on what is covered on Inset days. You can find school newsletters on the website if you missed any here <http://westoxfordschool.co.uk/category/latest-news/newsletters/>

Parent Feedback

Some parents and staff have requested an easy guide as to who to contact in which circumstances. This guide will be published after some minor adjustments following recommendations of the parent forum. If you are in any doubt then contact the office (<http://westoxfordschool.co.uk/contact-us/>) who will be able to direct your query or arrange any necessary meetings.

After School Club

Oxford Active have been running the after school club at West Oxford for a number of years.

Recently there have been some concerns over security and safeguarding which Ms Bladen will be raising with Oxford Active. The feedback regarding Oxford Active is very mixed some parents are happy and others have concerns. There are some parents who are struggling to get spaces at the after school club and so the amount of provision offered needs to be addressed. Ms Bladen will also look at options for changing providers. Jesse Alderson (Dylan in year3 dad) is parent liaison for Oxford active.

Writing

The school is working to address the standard of writing within school see attached from Mrs Palfreyman. To ensure standards don't slip in other areas the school are investing in their staff by employing experienced teachers like Mrs Bethel to co-ordinate maths and investing on teacher training.

Other questions/points and answers

- A great thank you to staff & Ms Gill for a lovely, inclusive Christmas concert in the Church. Also a great thank you to Mrs Whiting for all she does encouraging many different sports & organising so many sporting opportunities for our children. Speaking to parents from other local schools & local clubs, Mrs Whiting goes above & beyond for our children.
- Athletics Club – spaces availability. Mrs Whiting works in collaboration with an external provider for the Athletics Club who has his personal views on the children ages suitability for the club, the benefits of providing training for some consecutive months to the children, and has other commitments to accommodate. All efforts are being made to assure that as many children as possible can access this very popular club.
- The issue of being bare footed whilst doing PE/gymnastics in the hall. The hall is brushed once a week and deep cleaned once a term. The idea of asking all children and staff to take their shoes off when entering the hall is simply not practical. Ms Bladen will talk to the cleaners and make sure they do a good job.
- The use of mobile phones in the school by staff. Ms Bladen will remind staff of best behavior at all times while on the school premises.
- "The Mile a day". The school is still very supportive of this initiative. Due to wet and cold weather, not every class goes out every day but staff are doing their best.