



CAEDMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parents Forum Meeting 25th March 2011

Present at meeting:

Mrs Patricia Morris - Year 3

Ms Zoe Robinson - Year 1

Mrs Lisa Celikay - Reception

Mrs Dawn Darling - Year 1

Miss Irene Bloomfield - Year 1

Miss Emma Frost - Year 1

Mrs Amanda Harbertson - Year 1

Mr Wisby - Head Teacher.

Mrs Collins - new teacher in Year 1 popped in to say hello and meet the forum.

- We discussed the parents' forum and revisited what the aims of the group are. We also looked at the representation of the parents who attend. It would be good to have parents of children in the following classes: Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
- Mr Wisby informed the parents he had been very busy appointing new members of staff. Mrs Collins (Year 1 teacher) and Mr Nicholson (Caretaker). All the parents commented on the difference at the school since Mr Nicholson had taken over. They also said he works hard to get the school ready for the children and has a friendly manner with the parents.

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- Parents were informed by Mr Wisby that we having a new computer suite installed with 33 new computers. The suite will have air conditioning and many state of the art gadgets. This will be a great addition to the school. Children will not have to share computers.
- Mr Wisby told the parents that there is a vacancy as a parent governor. Forms are being sent out in the next few days. Mr Wisby also explained how the Governing Body of a school works and who actually sits on the body. Parents have indicated some interest.
- Parents were also informed that we have our own television channel. We have a screen inside school and one on the bottom playground. This will help school communicate even better with parents.
- Mr Wisby asked if parents would be offended if we sent information on whether parents qualify for free school meals - everyone agreed parents would prefer to be informed.
- Parents indicated that we should investigate the possibility of offering the parents the chance to come in and sample the school dinners again. Also the possibility about sampling foods from different cultures.
- Mr Wisby informed parents that attendance this year so far was 92.8%. Parents agreed the new rewards for children attending school for a full week should encourage the poor attending children to get better. So far 3 different children have been given £30 vouchers. We all share the desire to reach 94% for the school.
- Parents asked if they could receive more notice when milk is due. Notice was sent out a couple of days before.
- Parents and Mr Wisby had a long discussion about the change of teachers in Year 1. The discussion helped parents understand what the school has tried to do to avoid disruption for the children in Year 1.

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- Parents also asked if we were collecting Sainsburys and Tesco vouchers. We will advertise this - Mrs Swanston will put a section in the next newsletter.
- A parent asked what our policy was on reading books - some children have been saying they are bored of their reading book. Sometimes when the book is too easy and they are ready for the next level. Mr Wisby said the whole school is moving to have a consistent policy.
- Mr Wisby said the Maths workshop was poorly attended by parents he asked how this could have been advertised better, some parents of Nursery and Reception children did not realise they could go. We will re-run the workshops again.
- Parents also indicated that they would like a phonics and reading workshop. Mr Wisby to organise this.
- Mr Wisby showed the parents the weekly newsletter that has been going home in Year 3 and Reception. All the parents loved it and said they would like it for their child's class.
- Parents brought up the issue in school of head lice. We all discussed ways to ensure that the school has less incidents of head lice. We all agreed that all parents need to work on this issue. If one parent does not address the issue it leaves the school open to head lice spreading.

Next parents' forum - Friday 15th April 2011.

Meeting closed and Mr Wisby thanked all the parents for giving their time and ideas on how we can work together to improve Caedmon School for our children.

We need parents to also come from the following classes.

Year 2

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

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