

Minutes for parent forum meeting

19.10.18

- Welcome back! Mrs Carr introduced herself and her role within the school.
- Presentation from Mr Dransfield on Rainbow Grammar and Spelling at Hallam Fields. Mr Dransfield introduced the Rainbow Grammar scheme of work and demonstrated the way we use the Rainbow Grammar cards. Work was shared from all year groups. Parents asked for a glossary of the terminology and a parent workshop to enable them to understand it further and help their children at home. It was agreed that this could be put on the website for easy access but that people could ask for a paper copy if required to minimise wasting paper. The No Nonsense spelling scheme was shared and parents asked about how they are expected to use the booklets at home, Parents expressed concerns at not knowing when their children were being tested in spellings. Mr Dransfield demonstrated the school blog, where some of this information was shared, and Mrs Carr discussed other ways this could be shared in the future. Parents thanked Mr Dransfield for his detailed presentation.
- Feedback on our THRIVE transition – Mrs Carr informed new parents of our THRIVE approach in school and discussed the changes there had been to the start of the new academic year. Parents agreed that their children had benefitted from the time dedicated to making these secure relationships with their class teacher and learning environment and were coming out of school happier. It was identified that some children may be better able to cope if they knew about the changes to the start of the school year next year. Mrs Carr shared staff feedback on the transition and that we are already aware of other things we would do differently /

adapt slightly for next year. Parents asked how THRIVE worked for the whole school, including children who did not need 1:1 THRIVE sessions but they thought needed some support. Mrs Carr shared plans for feeding THRIVE through the curriculum and also for parents. Parents said that they would value this support and that they thought lots of parents would be interested in this.

- Feedback on Parents' Evening – parents asked for all classes to have books out ready for them to look at on arrival as they have more time prior to the appointment and also that they could then ask about specific things in their meeting. Parents also requested that the first appointment is not 3:30pm as this will inevitably be late and they felt a lot of pressure to be quick. These aspects will be changed for next parents' meeting to address this. Parents also expressed an interest in the opportunity to meet the teacher / see the classroom etc prior to transition, as we do for new year 3 parents. Mrs Carr confirmed some changes to transition again this year and that SLT would look into this.
- Plans for homework – throughout the meeting parents expressed their concerns at being able to explain difficult concepts to their children at home – for example in maths or grammar. Mrs Carr assured parents that we are looking into our homework systems and that we would be seeking their opinions on this in the near future. Parents were unsure on days when homework is set / due in in different year groups and also knowing which page of homework booklets to complete. This will be shared with staff.
- AOB