



EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

ALL WELCOME

Parents' Forum



1 February 2018

Mrs Rayner chaired the meeting, her presentation should be used in conjunction with these notes.

Feedback from the previous meeting

The Helping Hands calendar had been a big success and raised £1,730.

Easter Trip – Sunday 8 April

Following the success of the previous parent's trip to Blackpool, another trip was provisionally planned for Flamingo Land on Sunday 8 April.

Prices were shared, Mrs Rayner expressed her concerns about the high admission charge into the theme park and asked for ideas for alternative venues, which included:-

- Bolton Abbey
- London
- Meal/10 pin bowling

Parents are welcome to give other suggestions to Mrs Rayner, who is available in the playground most mornings and afternoons.

Working Group

Mrs Patel (Parent Governor) advised she did not have enough spare time to support the working group and volunteers were requested.

Confirmation of the role was given – ie organising trips, researching ideas for future fundraising etc.

There were no volunteers

Christmas Lunch

Feedback from parents had been positive (although this was not official). Parents requested more lunches in future.

Courses for Parents

Kirklees College are offering two courses on Being Well and Healthy Cooking, eight parents were needed for the courses to go ahead.

Parents had previously requested a first aid course, for which we have been placed on a waiting list. A crèche had also been requested but this was not available, as all the courses are offered free of charge.

Reading Friends

A Reading Friends course had been organised to begin on Wednesday 7 March.

Information about the course was shared ie -Reading Friends are volunteers who are trained to provide effective reading support in primary schools. Volunteers receive a total of 12 hours training before being placed in school where they will work for an hour a week with two children. Reading Friends keep the same partners for a 10-week period before returning for a 2 hour top up training session to consolidate skills. On completion of their first ten weeks, trained Reading Friends will receive a certificate.

For the course to go ahead more volunteers were needed. Parents were encouraged to sign up.

Bikeability for Mums

There is an opportunity for mums learn to ride a bike, courses are being offered by Bikeability. There would be a small cost (approximately £3.00 per session), depending on numbers.

If anyone is interested could they let the school office know?

Facilities in the Local Community

As part of the BBEST community hub parents recently completed a survey based on the local community. One of the main findings was: A lack of clean and tidy park area for community use.

The group were asked the following questions:

In the ideal world, what would Hyrstland's park look like?

Suggestions included:-

- Pathways
- Outdoor gym area
- Proper park area

- Shop (to sell hot drinks etc)
- Football court
- Sports equipment to hire
- Toilets (open all year)
- Running track
- Badminton area
- Separate area for dogs
- Bike track

EYS/KS1 Bake Sale

At the last meeting parents had suggested holding 'fortnightly bun sales', the idea being that parents would donate the items for school to sell. A provisional date to trail the scheme was planned for 8/9 February.

Parents were encouraged to come along and help

Support for Vulnerable Parents

Leaflets were given out (spare copies could be obtained from the reception area), information can also be obtained from the following links:-

- <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk>
- <https://www.gov.uk/report-domestic-abuse>
- <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/useful-links/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/Pages/Livewellhub.aspx>

PSHCE

As part of PSHCE puberty/sex education must be taught in year 5/6. Locala will deliver the sessions, which parents will be invited to attend (two sessions one for boys and one for girls).

AOB:

- A parent was concerned about the large number of sweets that are given out (pupils birthdays etc) – clarification would be obtained from Mrs Qureshi
- Enterprise activities – parents really like 'Enterprise Days' – a request for a larger variety of activities was requested and more bouncy castles.
- Recycling – could more recycling activities be carried out in school?
- Could Kirklees College offer a course on 'Seeing the World through Children's Eyes'
- School dinners – could children who are home dinners have an occasional school dinner? Parents advised to contact the School Office who would be able to assist further.
- More after school clubs (non-sport) were requested. Could the Mad Science be offered again which was financed by parents?