



# Stamford Green Primary School



## Minutes of Parents Forum Meeting 24.10.2013

### In attendance:

Vicky Swann	Chairing the meeting
Sue Davies	Minute taker
Governor	Rob Stonier
Parents	Rebecca Jennings
	Emma Smith
	Mrs Barnes
	Mrs Page
	Mrs Compton
	Mrs Nunez-Jarrett
	Mrs Katyayan

### School Clock

In response to a question about the school clock outside the front of the school: The clock was removed as it was losing time and not accurate. The parents present said they liked there being a clock (outside the school).

**Action:** We are currently looking at alternatives but they have got to reliably keep time to ensure accuracy.

### Traffic Issues

Concern was raised about the parking problems when parents are picking up/dropping off children. This problem has been discussed at previous Parents' Forums and Mrs Druce has talked about a one way system operating in Christ Church Mount from January 2014. There was a discussion about how this would only work if all parents adhered to the system. Mrs Druce and other leaders, in previous years, have been on duty, advising parents not to park on yellow lines. However, the staff should be focusing on the children not how parents are parking so duties are now by the gates that the children enter school and leave their parents.

**Action:** One way system on Christ Church Mount to start January 2014. We will continue to request Police/PCSO presence and assistance at the beginning and end of each day.

### Marking Policy

Parents were asking about the new marking policy, especially what the pink/green highlighting and the stampers meant. It was suggested a letter went out to parents and possibly marking code in journals when reprinted.

**Action:** Miss Swann will write an update for the newsletter in January 2014 and a marking code will be in the Learning Journals for 2014-2015.

## **Homework**

There was a discussion about homework and the marking of homework. Miss Swann said all homework is valued and stuck in the relevant book. Parents would like more detailed marking like the pink and green in depth marking that happens once a week for maths, English and other subjects. Miss Swann explained that in depth marking took teachers a very long time and alongside running clubs, planning, marking all books and preparing classrooms for the next day etc. it was important to retain quality and meaningful marking that would have an impact on learning as opposed to just quantity, which would mean the children having too many/ an overload of improvements to focus on.

Where possible and practical homework is now either displayed or stuck in books so anything done is seen as being worthwhile and should be of a standard similar to all other work that they do.

A parent asked if research homework could be more specific – maybe teachers could suggest suitable websites to avoid children searching on the internet for hours.

There was also a discussion about some teachers having learning journals for longer than others but working patterns e.g. running clubs, PPA time might mean that an instant turnaround is not possible.

**Action:** Miss Swann will ask staff to suggest suitable websites if it suits the research task set and all staff will be reminded that homework is to be stuck in the relevant book or displayed in class.

## **Weekly Information**

It was asked if all year groups could clearly detail what they are doing in speedy maths, like Y3.

**Action:** Miss Swann to remind staff to include in weekly information.

## **Golden Jumpers/Rewards.**

There was a discussion about the different rewards as parents weren't clear. Miss Swann explained the purpose of achiever of the week and why it may be awarded to a child. See letter sent:

[http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/letters/Keeping\\_you\\_up\\_to\\_date\\_Sept\\_2013.pdf](http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/letters/Keeping_you_up_to_date_Sept_2013.pdf)

Miss Swann explained about the difference between Value Button, House Points and Golden Awards.

## **Harvest/Bake Off**

General feeling was that this went well. However some children were disappointed not to have been involved in the selling of the cakes to their own parents etc. However, an event like this is very logistical and classroom management had to be considered with 60 children in a year group. With regard to the money raised, it was suggested that next time it would be a good idea to advertise how the money would be divided between the charities and the school from the outset. Miss Swann explained that as this was the first time the school had approached Harvest Festival in this way and we didn't know how much the event would raise.