



# Parent Forum

## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Present:

This meeting was attended by seven parents, Ms Riddleston (Head of School) and Mrs Jaques (Executive Headteacher)

### Minutes:

- Ms Riddleston thanked parents for attending today.
- There were discussions about the following:
  - **Library** – there are plans to purchase new books for the library. Some children have the role of librarian at lunchtimes and enjoy sorting out the books in the library at this time;
  - **World Book Day** – Ms Riddleston asked parents what they thought of the idea of children being asked to donate a book from home that they no longer read to the school on World Book Day (5<sup>th</sup> March). Parents said that they thought that this would work;
  - **Positive news** – parents would like positive news about the school to be shared with the Gazette, such as the school winning sporting events. Ms Riddleston will check on this.
  - **Class assemblies** – Ms Riddleston confirmed that class assemblies are planned and that parents will be invited. She confirmed that these will be for 15 minutes and will be at 9.00 in the morning;
  - **Children's learning** – parents would like to know more about what their children are learning in school so that they can support this at home. Ms Riddleston confirmed that there is a lot of work underway at the moment to develop the curriculum and that she will speak to teachers about adding information to the school website or a newsletter about what children are learning at the moment;
  - **Homework** – there was a discussion about inconsistency in the homework given to children and specifically whether or not homework is marked in different classes in the school. Where this works well, children are given homework on the same day each week, it is marked by the teacher and returned on the same day each week and it links to the children's learning in school. Ms Riddleston confirmed that the school is currently looking into different ideas for homework;
  - **Behaviour** – the current system for rewards has not changed. Certificates are still issues and core value tokens are still in place. There was a discussion about changes that could be made to this system such as the introduction of raffle tickets for core values, leading to a prize draw;

- **Behaviour of parents** – a message was sent out to all parents to remind everyone about the need to be role models to children on and around the school site. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of incidents just outside the school site where parents have not provided the best role models to children attending Richard de Clare.
- **End of school day** – Ms Riddleston confirmed that there are changes planned to the way that KS2 children are handed over to parents at the end of the school day and that more information about this will follow;
- **Year 6** – parents would like to know what is planned for Year 6 as they leave the school in July. Ms Riddleston said that this will be discussed further and that she is keen to hear ideas from parents as well. She confirmed that the residential visit will take place in Year 6 rather than in Year 5;
- **HSA** – Karen would like to talk about re-launching the HSA or developing a PTA of some sort. She will suggest a date in the future for a meeting;
- **School reports** – mid-year reports will be shared with parents this term. Ms Riddleston explained that this had not happened in the Autumn Term due to the need for the data to be accurate before being shared with parents.

The meeting finished at 3.15 p.m. Ms Riddleston thanked parents for attending and for sharing their ideas.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 2.30 p.m. – this will be a re-launch of the HSA as requested by parents.**