



Friday 3rd November 2017

Dear parents and friends,

Thank you to those of you who attended our joint parents' forum last week. Please find responses attached.

It would be great if more parents were able to come along to these meetings to share their views; the bigger sample of views we can gather, the better informed we are to respond to the issues you raise.

Thank you to Kath Alderson for taking minutes, and to Georgina Pickard-Sparne for chairing the meeting.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Harper

The BAWB Parent Forum Thursday 19 th October 2017, Bainbridge Primary School	
Issues / Points Raised	School's Response / Outcomes
Federation	
Parents were very pleased the excellent SIAMS report following the inspection at West Burton	Thank you for the feedback. The children and staff have worked consistently hard for this outcome and I feel proud of them all. Thanks also to parents for your ongoing support and to the four who gave their time on the day.
Communication	
The text service continues to be well received. Could admin please send reminders for Parents Forum by text for future meetings.	Excellent – thank you. Yes, we can send reminders via text and will endeavour to do so for Parents' Forums.
It was felt that communication for children starting both Reception and Nursery could have been better; there had been some confusion over uniform requirements in particular. A kit list might be useful for future intakes.	We have discussed this recently and do recognise that there were some shortfalls in our welcome package. I apologise for this. Normally we would have held an open evening for new parents but with staffing as it was at the end of the summer term this proved challenging. We have an action plan for an improved welcome package (including induction visits, parents' open evenings, and welcome pack). I hope this helps and thank you for your honest feedback which helps us to make improvements.
Parents thought there may have been a 'new starter pack' in previous years which had useful information in about uniform, school start and finish times, dinner money etc. This may be worth re-instating.	
Children were thoroughly enjoying the yoga sessions in school.	This is great feedback, mirrored by that of the staff and children and I shall be pleased to pass this on to our yoga teacher and feed it in to our impact assessment of PE provision.

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Any Other Business	
<p>The new BAWB website should be launched in December. Parents felt it was a positive move to have one website rather than three. They hoped content would be easier to find e.g. current topic and class timetables. It was also noted that some of the information was out of date e.g. name of curriculum lead.</p>	<p>Thanks for this. If anyone notices any specific out-of-date information, please feel free to drop me a quick e-mail as it can be rectified quickly. The same applies for ease of access. We sometimes receive an email to alert us to an access issue and are always happy to resolve. All areas will be thoroughly reviewed for the new website.</p>
<p>Had a Governor Skills audit been carried out? Georgina said one was due and would be carried out shortly.</p>	<p>We do carry these out regularly. We discussed this at the end of the summer term and have just issued a skills audit to all governors to complete this term which will help us to identify training needs and also assist with any future governor recruitment.</p>
<p>Some parents were unsure who the Governors were, specifically newer members of the Governing Board. This information is displayed in all three schools, however it was suggested it may be useful for it to be included in the newsletter.</p>	<p>I attach the governor list with pictures and have also put a list in this week's newsletter. Please note that this information is also available on our websites.</p>
<p>It was noted that the children really enjoy BAWB days. Could there be more BAWB assemblies – maybe one each time there is a BAWB day?</p>	<p>A lovely idea which I will discuss with staff. BAWB days are typically very busy and time is tight, though certainly we could aim to achieve this each term.</p>
<p>Regular contact with school, specifically for parents of children who come to school by bus, or those who are dropped off at Askrigg and taught at Bainbridge and vice versa, was difficult to achieve.</p>	<p>Your suggestions of how to improve this would be gratefully received. We do currently operate the following mechanisms and would always welcome other ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-school link books • Email • Phone • Celebration assemblies • Parents' consultation evenings • Always open-door – happy to welcome parents into school
<p>Could Bainbridge and Askrigg teachers perhaps take celebration assembly in their non-home school occasionally? E.g. if Miss Collins or Mr Billingham went to Bainbridge and Mrs Harrison or Mrs Loughlin went to Askrigg for a celebration assembly then children who attend assembly at the school where they are not taught could receive their certificate from their class teacher.</p>	<p>This is an excellent idea which I have just shared with staff. We will find a way to make it logistically sound and let you know when we have confirmed a date. Thank you for a great idea.</p>
<p>A parent expressed a positive response to the quality of communication via the home school link books for a child who is in Class 4 at Askrigg.</p>	<p>Great. I am aware that different members of staff use these in different ways and I will discuss the way they are managed with all members of staff to try to achieve more consistency. Thank you.</p>
<p>When would the postponed community engagement meetings be held?</p>	<p>We are still working carefully with the LA and diocese on the draft consultation document, eagerly awaiting firm answers regarding the LAs application of the funding formula. As promised this will take place in the spring term; please be assured that we will set a firm date when we are in possession of the relevant information from the LA.</p>
<p>What were the maternity cover arrangements for Miss Harper?</p>	<p>Currently, and all things remaining well, I am intending to work until February half-term. The LA and Governing Board have already met to explore our options for covering my leave and will let you know as soon as these arrangements are confirmed. Thank you for all your well-wishes.</p>

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Charlotte Harper Headteacher	Ex – Officio		David Madley	Foundation: Askrigg (Yorebridge Education Foundation)	
Georgina Pickard-Sparne	Parent		Heather Limbach	Foundation: West Burton (Diocese)	
Richard Nolan	Co-Opted		Suzanne Wright	Foundation: Bainbridge (Diocese)	
Martin Garside	Co-Opted		Eleanor Harrison	Staff	
Cathy Bergs	Co-Opted		Laura Alderson	Parent	