

Thorndown Primary School - Parent Forum Minutes

March 8th 2018

Present: Heather Wood (Chair), Vicci Godbold (Head teacher), Jon Lee (Governor), Jenny Cowens (Secretary), Louise Keeley, Josefina White, Sam Poole, Sam Thompson, Edyta Majcher

Apologies: Clare Lorman-Hall, Pawel Kurkiewicz

1. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Nothing noted.

2. Elections for Chair and Secretary of the Parents Forum

Heather Wood was re-elected as Chair and Jenny Cowens and Louise Keeley will share the Secretary's role.

3. Main topic: THE ENRICHMENT TRUST

Unfortunately, Mr Jaggars was unable to attend the meeting and a letter explaining the trust from an external expert had not been received. Therefore, the Trust and how it would operate will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms Godbold gave a presentation/discussion on what the school considered Enrichment to be and how they currently (and plan to) enrich pupils learning and make the curriculum come alive. What makes Thorndown Thorndown? It should contribute to and reflect the "personality" of the school. Please see the attached document for further detail.

4. Second Topic: 11 Things to do before you're 11

Ms Godbold advised that she was involved with a cluster of local schools that feed The Ivo and they were to adopt the National Trust's 50 things to do... program within their schools and children could take their 'passport' with them and continue to complete tasks at the Ivo. Hopefully this will be initiated in September 2018.

5. AOB

- a.) Terms of Reference for the Forum will be reviewed at next meeting.
- b.) The After School Kids club transfer to the School is well underway and all parents have been notified of relevant changes. Ms Goldbold was very pleased at the number of suggestions received from parents. The club will be open on inset days and for three weeks during the summer holidays. Parents were asked whether paper copies of their invoices were necessary going forward. The consensus was no, payment reminders via text/email would continue.

6. Date of next meeting and topic

DATE: Monday 21st May at 7.15pm in Dragonfly Classroom

TOPIC: The Enrichment Trust and PE/Sport

Year Representatives (a point of contact for parents who wish to raise or discuss a matter at the forum).

Reception	Louise Keeley
Year 1	<i>Heather Wood (provisional)</i>
Year 2	Pawel Kurkiewicz
Year 3	Sam Poole
Year 4	Pawel Kurkiewicz
Year 5	<i>Heather Wood (provisional)</i>
Year 6	Clare Lorman-Hall

A REMINDER – that the Forum is a two-way opportunity for parents to raise issues/concerns with representatives from the school *as well* as the school seeking views/opinions from parents on matters relating to the advertised topic. If parents are unable to attend the forum they may miss the opportunity to contribute in this way. The Forum takes place on different nights of the week to try and maximize attendance and is held in the early evening to allow working parents the opportunity to attend.

All parents are members of the parent forum and are welcome to attend the meetings. If you cannot attend but wish to raise an issue you can email parentforum@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk post a note in the suggestion box in the lobby or raise it with your class/year representative.

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