

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Ren Chinnadurai; Matt Harper; Sarah Guest; Elizabeth Carlotti; Alisha Siddle; Sarah Holdaway; Rachel McInnes; Jo Rowbotham Kelly Stroud

#### 1) Anti-bullying policy

- As a result of feedback from the parent questionnaires, since January 2017 the school has bolstered its zero tolerance policy towards bullying; by improved communications between staff and reporting to the Senior Leadership Team when bullying is happening. All members of staff have a duty to report incidents of bullying to senior leaders.
- The Parent Council appreciate all the work the school has done in relation to anti-bullying.
- The school recognises that it has more work to do on the different types of bullying, working with the whole school and individual classes.
- Cyber-bullying perpetrated outside of school is creating problems in school and increasingly takes up senior leaders' time to resolve.
- A discussion was had around how the school and parents can support each other in educating the children about group chats online and the dangers of certain apps and social media sites.
- There was an acknowledgement of the peer pressure children face to participate in social media at a young age.
- The schools anti-bullying policy can be found in the policies section of the school website and has recently been updated.
- Links to websites that provide information on appropriateness of Apps are listed under online-safety, in the parents section of the school website.
- The anti-bullying code is displayed around school in corridors and toilets. It was suggested that in the past some parents perceived that bullying was not dealt with seriously in school and so it was agreed that the anti-bullying policy and a summary would be sent out to parents.
- Suggestions on how to communicate to parents e-safety issues such as awareness of inappropriate Apps, how to keep children safe etc. are welcomed by the school.

#### 2) Developing the Christian character of the school and involving parents in school worship

- A general brainstorm was held to generate ideas of how parents could be more involved in the Christian worship that occurs in school.
  - Worship section part of the website
  - Groups of parents to act out bible stories to children
  - Prayer group for the school set up by parents
  - Outside worship event in the summer
  - Invite parents from one year group at a time to attend a whole school worship, possibly followed by tea and cake!
  - Write to parents to ask for their involvement when teaching Christianity in class.
  - Prayers said at existing events such as the fair trade breakfast.
  - The school values are tied into worship and children learn bible stories related to the chosen value of the time. Let parents know what values and bible stories are being discussed.
  - Include Christian worship in the Home Learning.

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- 3) School is creating their own school dinner menu, starting September 2017. They would like to involve parents in taster sessions and discussions about the new menu and there will be a packed lunch option introduced in the summer term.