

Parent Forum meeting minutes
Thursday 20th June 2024

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p>	<p>Present: Mrs Fletcher (Deputy headteacher at BJS), JF (Chair of governors), NW (Kingfisher Class rep), AJ (Ocelot Class rep), KB (Otter Class rep), AK (Hippo Class rep), KE-F (Albatross Class rep), MP (Rhino Class rep), CJ (Koala and Pangolin Class rep), EP (Jaguar Class rep) Apologies: Mrs Rackham (Deputy headteacher at BJS), NF (Turtle Class rep)</p>
<p>2. Questions/queries raised:</p>	
<p>Rhino class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	<p>My son loves PE and Mr Hearn.</p>
<p>Hippo class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	<p>I would like to thank each and everyone of the staff members. Very grateful for the open afternoons.</p>
<p>Kiwi class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	
<p>Koala class: My child has really enjoyed choir she loves it. Also Miss Punt, She has loved year 1 she has really enjoyed herself. She has grown up a lot this year. My child loves to spend time with Mrs. Ash he says she is very helpful and cheerful and Miss Punt's teaching he enjoys reading maths, English, history and phonics with her. My child has really come along well this year under the guidance of Miss Punt and the teaching assistants. As a parent it's been great to see more of their work with the open classrooms.</p>	<p>We really appreciated the number of Phonics workshops that were run this year. Parents are grateful for the group in general. LF thanked the class reps for manning them because they're the reason the groups are so successful.</p>
<p>Otter class: Thank you to all the teachers and TA's for their hard work this year! My child is enjoying every aspect of school and has had a great year! I think that the trips that the school/class has offered to the kids this year have been great and have provided the children with great learning opportunities! A huge thank you to Mrs Barlow and Mrs Sieben. Mrs Barlow has remained consistent and has been good at listening to my concerns and actioning them and she's very understanding of my child's needs. Mrs Sieben has also done a fantastic job, coming in part way through a school year must be really hard but she has also listened to what I have to say and has put in a lot of effort with my child and has got to know her very well in a short space of time! A massive heartfelt thank you to the whole team at Broughton for their very obvious hard work and dedication creating such a dynamic, fun, inspiring</p>	

<p>learning environment for the kids. I'm very grateful. (this feedback is for both school sites). Mrs Barlow has been exceptional this year, always quick to respond and teaches with genuine enthusiasm. Always going above and beyond. Amazing teacher!</p> <p>Thank you to Mrs Baxter for all their support in helping my child when they were struggling with a stage on the 99 club, without her help, he would have given up. Mrs Barlow has been amazing this year being consistent, responsive and supportive, she is an asset to the school. Couldn't have asked for better teachers.</p> <p>A massive thank you to the infant school office staff. They are great at replying to emails, getting in touch if there are problems as well as answering any questions. They have been reassuring if you ever call to ask about your child if they've gone to school not feeling 100%.</p>	
<p>Kingfisher class: A big thank you to Mrs Barlow for stepping in and keeping the choir after-school activity club going. The children love choir, Mrs Barlow & her fun sessions!! 😊</p> <p>Thank you to all the staff who put so much into the after-school activity clubs. There is such amazing variety available! Thank you 👍</p> <p>I'd like to highlight the support & flexibility the school have shown when I've approached about things. Always approachable and understanding. For parents forum - Maybe we could get updates about the school via text message as well as teachers2parents.. like when things are cancelled, meal update, trips, upcoming events and inset days just everything really as I always miss information on the app and I'm sure others do to, I think like myself everyone's more likely to check their texts rather than the app</p>	<p>In answer to the question about Teachers2Parents: If parents have the app on their phone then T2P will send the messages to the app and only as an SMS Text message if the parent doesn't have the app. Parents with the app on their phone should change the settings in their phone to give them a notification when messages come through. Alternatively, they can delete the app from their phone and login to T2P or School Money using an internet browser so that they can do their lunch bookings and payments etc. that way.</p>
<p>Albatross class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	<p>The children loved the residential. Mrs Batts is great, they've had a great year. My child has come on so much, and that's down to Mrs Batts being the right teacher for him.</p>
<p>Penguin class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	
<p>Narwhal class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	
<p>Turtle class: 'I really appreciate all the opportunities for us to come into school, as parents, as I didn't have that at all at my child's' old school and It makes me feel much more involved in school life.'</p>	

<p>'A big thank you to all the teachers and TAs for their hard work this year, my child wakes up every day happy and excited to come to school which is a testament to the school and the teachers. The trips this year have been fantastic and a great learning experience for the children.'</p> <p>'It has been a tricky year for our class with staff changes but the teachers that have come in have been really supportive and my child has quickly settled with new changes. Also having Miss Brackley has definitely been a fantastic constant for them. My child has really enjoyed the school trips and has thrived this year so thank you to all.'</p>	
<p>Pangolin class: We would like to thank Mrs Kemp for her support throughout Year 5. She is good natured and is very motivating and this is shown in my child's school work and his enthusiasm for wanting to go to school.</p> <p>My child had really enjoyed his year with Mrs Kemp. We have loved her positive attitude and enthusiasm with him. She's been a great teacher for him.</p>	
<p>Panda class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	
<p>Ocelot class: No points were raised before the meeting.</p>	<p>Miss Roberts and Miss Hawes have planned some amazing activities for the end of Year 6. The PTA have also planned an amazing final week, which is well deserved by the children so thank you.</p>
<p>Jaguar class: The teachers support in the lead up to and during SATS was very much appreciated.</p> <p>The breakfast club was a great idea and all the kids loved it - was really positive for getting them focused and ready for exams.</p> <p>The kids couldn't have ended their primary school time with a better teacher! Miss Roberts has always listened to concerns and any personal issues, she has been extremely supportive to both child and adults!</p> <p>Miss Roberts has been amazing with my son this term. Keeping an eye on him and his mental health with everything going on at home. He never complains about going to school and loves his class and Miss Roberts.</p> <p>Miss Roberts is such an amazingly supportive teacher. And just what the class needed this year. The trips (especially to Chessington) were great. It's been a really positive year. Miss Roberts and all staff have been really supportive. SATs went by without any worries. Miss Roberts has encouraged</p>	

my daughter in areas needed & fed back to me when needed.

I'd like to say that the whole teaching team has done a fantastic job supporting our children through what has been at times a tough phase of education. Our children started year 3 after the first lockdown and then they had another one. Throughout the last 4 years my daughter has absolutely loved the challenge of school and it has been such a positive experience for her. The opportunities they've had from school visits to residential trips and musical performances they've all left lasting memories which I know will remain when she looks back on her Broughton schools journey. Mostly I've always found all the staff approachable and invested in our children's welfare and future. I for one will miss this interaction as they move up to the next phase in education. Thank to you all the team. Having had one child already transition successfully I know that my daughter will continue to be supported ready to say goodbye at the end of term.

I would like to say how as a team of teachers helping one another, to make this class a happy one but also one of learning and consideration of other peoples' feelings, which has made a year 6 of well-rounded kids ready to start their new adventure.

My son has had a particularly difficult year this year and Miss Roberts couldn't have done a better job supporting him with his emotional wellbeing. He was confident with his SATS and I also thought the breakfast clubs for that week were a brilliant idea! Thank you to Miss Roberts for making our last year at Broughton Junior a fabulous one.

What a supportive and caring environment year 6 is. The right balance of discipline and treating them with respect. Been a very positive year.

A massive thank you to Miss Roberts for supporting my daughter throughout this year. Naturally it goes without saying the academic support given in lessons & more recently the SATs tests (to reiterate the breakfasts at school were a stroke of genius, rather than being a bundle of nerves my daughter was just concerned with getting in early to try & get a jam crumpet). But also supporting her physical wellbeing when she broke her foot & supporting her emotional wellbeing on her difficult days. Lastly, supporting her to have fun by checking she was ok when about to sing with the choir for the school music concert but also going on a few rides with her when she wasn't brave enough to go

<p>on Mandrill Mayhem with her friends. Miss Roberts has simply been amazing, she has been a fantastic year 6 teacher.</p> <p>All lovely from me, lots of great trips, my son loves school.</p> <p>The reading books available in class. The interesting topics throughout the year. Availability of/access to external music teachers in school. The year 6 musical.</p>	
<p>Other points parent reps brought up at the meeting</p>	<p>A parent raised that they weren't given much warning about children needing a certain type of case for the recent Year 3 residential. They also asked for clearer information about what they needed; some people went out and bought stuff for water sports and there weren't any, for example. Could we confirm what they need for the Year 6 trip next month?</p> <p>Thank you for sharing via the WhatsApp group the lack of payments for the school trips. It is prompting people to pay. As a result, more parents have paid for upcoming trips which is a positive response. School is happy to cover the cost for people who can't afford to, but they must speak to the school offices or a member of SLT. This information will always be handled sensitively. A parent rep asked if it's possible to pay for more than just your child. This is something we will look into because yes, it is an option and lots of people have approached LF about doing this since the message went out. Another parent rep suggested having the option on parent pay to put in a monthly amount e.g. £10 a month as well as being told at the beginning of the year about future trips and their costings. LF said that we are going to aim to do this for the next academic year, we have asked teachers to start looking into trips before we finish for the summer holidays. Parents would also like the option to start paying for residential in September.</p>
<p>3. Information/updates/queries from the schools - HUGE thank you to our class reps for the time they have given up this year, we are very grateful.</p>	<p>LF told parent reps that as an SLT, we are hugely appreciative of the time they give up, not just to attend these meetings but to put messages in the WhatsApp groups, answer parents' questions and gather information for us. Without these parents, the WhatsApp groups would not be the successful tool for communication that they are.</p> <p>JF said that feedback and the minutes from parent forum meetings goes to governors; it helps them to analyse how effective the school is for parents.</p>

A parent rep stated that the difference in communication between the school and parents from when my child started in Reception to now (he is in Year 6) is vast. Having the parent forum nit's all parents can really ask for as well as coming in to see their work.

A parent rep suggested starting the meetings at 2:15pm in September now they don't take as long, which was agreed. Another suggested doing the meetings just after the half term breaks as this is when people have the most queries. LF agreed she would change the date and time of the next meeting to reflect these suggestions.

It was also suggested parent reps could check in with their class parents at the beginning of next year if they have any suggestions.

LF said that next year school will aim to send out a few key dates for the whole year rather than just term by term. It'll just be a few key ones such as sports day to try to help those parents who need to book annual leave to attend.

The PTA still need more volunteers for BroughtonFest. They are trying to get people just to volunteer for an hour, you can do it with your children. They still need people from 6pm until 8pm.

Our current PTA members will be stepping down because their children are getting older. As result, next year there will only be 2 and a half PTA members which isn't enough. If this is the case, there won't be Winter Warmer, BroughtonFest, discos, etc or lots of money raised for the school. The PTA are currently trying to split the roles so it's not so much to ask of people next year. Please approach the PTA if you are interested in offering your help.

JF to ask governors to volunteer for BroughtonFest again.

4. Date, time and location of the next meeting.

Thursday 7th November 2024 at 2:15pm in the Infant School hall.