

## Minutes from the Parent forum – 25.11.2014

Staff in attendance: Sue Rees (SR), Hannah Beckett(HB), Jill Gardner(JG) and Tania Cotton(TC).

2 parents in attendance.

SR discussed the purpose of the forum. It is an informal meeting for parents' to get involved in school life and share their ideas and give the school feedback. There is no commitment required to attend the parent forum and anyone is welcome.

SR shared the feedback from the parent questionnaire as a starting point for discussion about upcoming forums.

### **Ideas discussed for upcoming forums:**

- Feedback from parents via a set email address which is then addressed at the next meeting.
- Homework working policy – could this be held at the next parents' forum instead of a separate issue?
- Maths events – explanation of the methods in which we teach maths at Beechwood.
- If the forum took place at the beginning of the term, an overview of the term for each year group could be discussed at the parent forum.
- Time within the forum to go and have a look around the school at the various displays looking for good examples of topic homework and the chance to see what is happening in school.
- The possibility of time within the forum for parents to share any local events happening.

### **AOB:**

- How can we get a wider audience involved in the parent forum? Is the time / day an issue?
- Discussion about how feedback could be given for each week's spellings and times tables.
- Refreshing parents about ways to communicate with the school. Do all parents know that teachers can be easily emailed?
- Raise within the transition paperwork the fact that children will be let out from school and parents will need to tell their children where they are. They will not be let out one by one as they were at KS1.