

PARENT CAFÉ MEETING

MORLEY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

7.2.23

Attended by:

Laura Green – Head Teacher
Alan Kent – Chair of Governors
Katie Brown – Parent Governor
Alison Braden (Y5)
Nicola Salmon (Y2, Y3)
Claire Cooper (Y6)
Ellen Leary (Y6)
Gabi Righetti (Y3)

Items Discussed:

Academy Improvement and Development Plan:

Laura Green explained the actions that the school have been working on to improve key areas this year. The main academic focus has been on improving writing skills, introducing a new maths scheme called Power Maths and introducing the new phonics scheme – Read, Write, Inc. The school are working on improving parental engagement and ensuring good communication between home and school. Governors had been in school today carrying out a ‘deep dive’ to ensure that the school is working effectively.

New Headteacher:

Laura talked about the interim headteacher, Mark Carlyle and explained that he has 13 years of headship experience and has most recently headed up Harleston Sancroft Primary School. He has experience of executive headship of two small rural schools. Laura and Alan will be meeting Mark to introduce him to the schools on Weds 22nd February.

Any Other Business:

- There are still problems with the Sycamore email. Parents and carers are sending their messages to the office currently. **Laura to investigate this.**
- Traffic is very heavy outside the school in the mornings. School to encourage families to walk to school. **Messages to go out in newsletter and to children in the new half term.**
- FOMPS have said that they are happy to help with contributions to class trips.
- Children in Sycamore have been told that they aren’t allowed to leave the classroom to go to the toilet. **Laura to investigate this.**
- Parents would like more opportunities to see the classrooms. They enjoyed having the opportunity to walk around the school during the Christmas Fayre. It is hoped that the same approach can be taken with the Summer Fete. Parents like the learning cafes but these have to take place in the school hall due to the space

needed. Pine and Oak have reading mornings with parents and carers on Fridays. **Laura will discuss with KS2 teachers how we can give other opportunities for visiting classrooms.**

- World Book Day clashes with a girls football event. Can the dress up day be moved? Laura has arranged for the dress up day to take place on Monday 27th February.
- Older children are complaining about the portion sizes at lunchtimes and the fact that younger children have the same amount as them. Laura explained that the catering company have a policy that all portions should be the same size due to the price being the same for every child. A question was raised as to whether we could use a different catering company. Laura said that the Trust are looking at this.
- Ellen asked if the salad bar could be reinstated for lunchtimes. Laura explained that she had discussed this with the catering company. They hadn't dropped their covid hygiene policies when this question was first raised. **Laura will discuss this with the catering company once more.**
- Parents asked if staff can run clubs after school. Laura said that staff have a very high workload and need to be protected from taking on any further commitments. Staff sometimes volunteer to run lunchtime and after school clubs such as art club, cooking club, homework club etc. The school will invite companies to run clubs and parents are also welcome to run clubs. **Ellen Leary to send a link to school for the music club at Graylix Hall.**

Next Parent Forum: to be confirmed