

## Parent Forum 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Present:** Gillian Pyle (GP) (Head of School) Suzie Cowley (SC), Gail Booker-Tyas (GBT)

**Apologies:** Naomi Stevens, Jo Carter & Sally Willox

### Discussed action points from last meeting:

1. 'Parent buddy' system could be set up for each class, using existing parents as a 'go to' for advice or questions. *This is going on the newsletter for the next two weeks to see if we get any volunteers – discussed wording for this. GBT to speak with the volunteers.*
2. Parent forum volunteers to work on a paragraph about the parent buddy system with photos of the buddies for each class. *GP to explain at the welcome meeting and parents can sign up at this meeting so it is set up in the summer before they start.*
3. Parent forum volunteers to work on a FAQ information sheet also to go out at the parent welcome meeting. *This is to be continued.*
4. It would be nice to have some testimonials from parents across the school. *Plea did go out but we did not get any volunteers, we will try again this week. GP to use some of the emails we received during the lockdown and parent forum members to support with this also.*

### A.O.B:

#### Individual Photos

Parents have said that they are disappointed that individual photos have not happened this year, due to being cancelled in November because of the start of a national lockdown. Is there a chance that they can happen between now and the end of term? They understand that they have class photos but it would be nice to have individual ones as well, especially for year's reception and 6.

**Action:** GP to ask the office if this might be possible, however we imagine they are fully booked at this time of year.

#### Wearing of Face Masks

Some are questioning why we are continuing with our policy to wear a face mask outside when other local schools have said that this can stop. GP explained it is about keeping everyone safe and with 200 children/parents entering/leaving the premises it is not always possible to socially distance. This is a Cedartree Federation decision but with the start of rising case numbers within the area it is something that we will be asking the school community to continue doing.

**Action:** GP will check with the Executive Head Teacher to confirm this. An update for parents on this will go out with the newsletter in the next 2 weeks.

#### Anti-bullying ethos – parental support enquiry

A parent has explained to GBT that they are involved in an anti-bullying campaign through their company/work and if it is something we might endorse through the school. GP has asked GBT to ask the parent to contact GP through [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) to make an appointment to discuss this in further detail.

**Thank you**

Thank you to the parent forum volunteers for giving their time to attend these meetings, it is a good way to help in communicating and bring ideas to the forefront.

**Next meeting:** Autumn term Time TBC.