

Parent Forum Notes

Attending

Mrs Palmer

Governors: Alison Briers, Michael Paul

Number of parents 5, representing all age groups

1. School Vision

The governors are soon to be reviewing the strategic vision so there was some discussion about what the needs of the school community are and where we should be heading. Parent views will be sought further over the forthcoming weeks.

2. Afterschool Club Charges

A parent asked why there was a late booking charge. This is so that the administration for the 3.15 Club register is limited. To have bookings made daily would result in an increase in work for Mrs Robinson. There is no late booking for breakfast club the register is created on arrival.

A request has been made that the forms for booking wraparound care are made available on the first newsletter of the month and are available for the following three months to allow parents to plan.

Some families require invoices from school for the wraparound care to enable them to make the relevant claims. Sometimes these have not been provided within the necessary time scales. School will rectify this.

3. Performances in school

Do the year 3 and 4 children have a performance opportunity? Not currently, except that they do enjoy drama as part of their lessons where it supports their learning.

4. ParentPay

It was asked how often ParentPay is updated as it seems that there is sometimes a delay and then a large amount is added? This should be back on track now and charges for clubs and lunches will be updated on the first school day of the week.

A parent shared that using the word 'voluntary' in communications encourages some people not to contribute and everyone should be asked to contribute what they are able.

The cost of transport was discussed, and a suggestion of a school having their own minibus was made.

5. Class structures and staffing for next year

Parents asked when this information would be shared. This has not been finalized and will be shared as soon as possible.

6. Communication

Can the school please clarify which lines of communication to use?

Email admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk for all communications and these will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

7. INSET days (In-Service Training Days)

Can these be scheduled within a week rather than be spread across the year?

These days are strategically spread across the year so that training can be delivered when it is needed. To place all days in one week would not allow us.

8. School holiday dates

The length of the summer holidays is problematic with regards to childcare. Can the weeks be repositioned so that the summer is only four weeks and the Autumn and Summer half term breaks are two weeks in length? This is a local authority responsibility and not something that the school can amend.

9. **Thanks to school staff** was expressed. Families new to the school said that they had been made to feel very welcome and we very pleased to be part of our community.