

Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 20th September 2018

Minutes

10 Parents attended this meeting held on Thursday 20th September.

Mr Tan welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming. He also thanked Mrs Small for serving refreshments.

Mr Tan went over the highlights of the last year. He spoke of the fantastic results achieved across the school, the increased number of trips undertaken by the children over the year and the increase in pupil involvement in competitive sporting activities (up 84% from last year, up 179% compared to two years ago, and up 336% compared to three years ago).

He provided details of the school priorities for the coming year and that in particular vocabulary will be a focus area. The school will be looking at developing strategies to support and develop the children's vocabulary and are considering introducing a spelling challenge along the same lines as the current '144 Club'. The '144 Club' encourages and rewards the children in learning their times tables.

The school will also continue to focus on attendance and will be both working closely with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and will continue to offer rewards for those classes with the best attendance.

Please see attached copies of his presentation.

Mr Tan also highlighted the wonderful work done by the KFA (Knollmead Friends Association) and that over £6,000 has been raised through fund raising activities. This moves us much closer to being able to purchase a minibus. However he highlighted the need for more volunteers to support the KFA in their fundraising and asked those present that if they were able to offer any time they should let him or the school know.

Mr Tan explained that one of the action points from the last Parent Forum meeting – the introduction of 'branded' stationery was being explored and that he hoped to be able to provide more details of this in due course.

Mr Tan opened the meeting up to the attendees and asked if they had anything they would like to raise. He offered them the opportunity to write down their points if they preferred not to speak out or come and speak to him directly.

One parent asked if it would be possible to have small daily notifications of what was being studied in class. Mr Tan said he would consider this and what the best way of approaching it would be.

A number of those present work in local shops and asked whether it would be appropriate for them to approach their managers about the possibility of setting up collection boxes in store for donations to the mini bus fund. Again Mr Tan said he would explore this and ascertain if there is any governance which may prevent it.