

# **Parents' Forum Minutes of Meeting -Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May,** **Overdale Infant School , 9.15-10am.**

Present: Mrs Stuart, Mrs Coplin, Miss Dighton, Mrs Cooper, Y2/3 parents

Apologies: Mel Elliott

**Agenda items: Y2-3 Transition, School Farmers Market, SNAG meeting, Family photographs**

**Infant Head teacher Mrs Stuart welcomed parents to the first joint meeting of the Overdale Schools Parents' Forum and introduced the speakers.**

## **1. Year 2/3 Transition**

Miss Dighton and Mrs Coplin talked about the transition programme from Y2 at the Infant school to Y3 at the Junior school. The programme runs throughout the school year and the children get a number of opportunities to visit the Juniors at different times. The Programme is in two parts:

- a) Y2 children getting to know the Junior school building, teachers and play areas
- b) Teachers getting to know the learning needs/profile of the Y2 children

Y2 children are invited to the Christmas assembly at the Juniors and the Y3 children are invited to return to the Infant school as 'experts' to see their previous teachers, meet Y2 children and answer questions, allaying any fears they may have about the Junior School.

All Y2 children take part in the after school Fun-tastic Club when they come to the Junior school on 3 occasions to explore different areas including the hall, classroom and Addy, and the teachers begin to get to know the children during the fun sessions. Y3 Information handbooks are given out to parents and this is followed by a Y2/Y3 Transition Evening hosted at the Junior School. Parents can also attend a daytime tour of the Junior school in the summer term.

During the summer term Y2 children also make a tour of the Junior school hosted by the School Council and Ambassadors and they are allocated individual Y5 Buddies who will help them to settle in Y3.

Junior children line up in the playground to meet parents/carers at the end of the day and this will be replicated in Y2 later in the summer term so children are familiar with this system.

## **2. Overdale Junior Parents' Forum**

Mrs Cooper talked about the Parents' Forum which is open to all parents and meets half-termly to share ideas, raise issues of concern and discuss things that matter to

families. Meetings are held at different times of the day to give as many people as possible the chance to attend; some are drop in sessions and others more formal. In the past the Forum has played a key role in developing the Y2/3 Transition Programme, Anti-bullying and School Food policies, also making dining hall improvements, organising reading workshops and parent surveys and helping improve home/school communication.

School photographs take place in November and parents might want the opportunity to have family photos with children from both schools. This could be organised through the Forum.

Meeting dates are advertised on the website, in newsletters and around school. We hope to hold more joint meetings with the Infant school.

### **3. Overdale School Farmers Market - Thursday May 25 2017, 2.30-4pm**

Overdale Junior school is holding its first ever School Farmers Market when both school communities are invited to come and buy locally sourced fresh produce such as meat, vegetables, bread, jams, honey, health products as well as plants. In addition all classes will have their own market stalls in classrooms selling things like food/drinks/plants/crafts.

Parents/carers are invited to collect their children early from their child's class at 2.15pm so they can visit the market stalls which will be open from 2.30-4pm. Both the Infant and Junior schools have now gained the Bronze Food for Life Award. This event will help the Junior school towards the next level.

### **4. School Nutrition Advisory Group**

As part of the Food for Life Award programme we hold meetings with our City Catering team to discuss school meals and the dining hall environment. Our next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 1045-1130 am in the Junior dining hall if you would like to attend you would be very welcome.

### **Date and time of the next Meeting:**

**Thursday 6th July 3.40pm– 4.20pm - Celebration picnic for families, meeting in the picnic area outside the junior dining hall. Food will be provided, please bring a drink.**

If there is something you would like to see on the agenda please email [k.cooper@overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:k.cooper@overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk)