



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

PARENT VOICE **Wednesday 11th February 2015**

Staff present: D McGrath, S Wells

Parents present: R Hampton M, Wade, C Scholefield, N Lloyd

- Very positive response to Youth Speaks competition. Encourages all pupils to be heard, not just the confident ones. Nationwide competition run by the Rotary Club. 3 Oakfield teams entered – 1 through to the next round.
- Good, positive transition into Year 5. Parents at the meeting agreed with the middle school system and the work carried out between feeder schools both to Oakfield and then onwards to Frome College. Lots of work is completed to ensure a smooth transition and actions taken from previous Parent Voice meetings to improve further such as extra coat pegs and more information in journals has already been put in place.
- Meeting on 5th February by a group of Frome parents held at the Archangel in Frome was mentioned. Concerns were raised regarding the transition from primary to middle to college however Parent Voice group agreed this hasn't been a problem for their children. Work continuing to make this transition even more effective.

Concerns raised during the meeting at the Archangel that the 'pressure' was reduced for year 7 & 8 pupils at other middle schools following SATS in Yr 6 however this was not deemed to be the case based on experience of an Oakfield parent. It was agreed that the middle schools and Frome College are working more closely than ever which is positive for the pupils of Frome.

- Options process at Frome College was discussed – suggestion made to let Frome College know if pupil's choices don't 'match the requirements and to discuss with Frome College as it may be possible to make amendments.
- Some concerns were raised regarding the pressure of SATS on Yr 6 pupils. Discussion held regarding SATS, their purpose and the impact on the schools, teachers and pupils. Pupils at Oakfield are now taught by the same literacy & maths teachers through year 5 & 6 giving continuity and further building of relationships. Agreed that exams and tests are part of life but asking children to try their best without them becoming anxious is important – balance between pressure and still enjoying school. SLT to discuss ways of supporting – suggestions included time to talk to tutors regarding their concerns, Year 7 pupils to talk to Year 6 pupils to help calm nerves and

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promote positivity, reward time after studying, Yr 6 staff to meet with parents to talk through study techniques and how SATS work so they can re-iterate this at home.

- Reward system – positive but there was an issue with a KS3 reward trip which was discussed. SLT have reviewed trips recently and will continue to do so to ensure purposeful, value for money trips are organised in a fair manner.
- Concern raised regarding photos on Instagram being taken by girls in the loos. SLT to ensure loos are monitored more frequently during break and lunchtimes and CCTV checked regularly.
- Incident mentioned when cooking was left over night and apparently binned, Usual process is for the item to be frozen. SLT to check this is the case and pupils to be notified what will happen should they do this.

D McGrath & S Wells thanked the parents for coming and for their feedback.

Next meeting **WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE at 2.00pm**