Parent Forum – Minutes 23rd January 2019

**The aim of a parent forum is to:**

* **Discuss whole school issues (not individual).**
* **Give parents an opportunity to express their views and ideas.**
* **Give parents an opportunity to make suggestions for school improvement.**
* **Allow the school to discuss development and new initiatives we are working on.**

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| **Attended by: A. Waterman, S. Shervington , R. Wells, J. Carter, A. Martin, N. Wheeler-James** | | |
| **Agenda item** | **Discussion** | **Outcome / Action** |
| Trips | AW explained about the rolling trip programme planned in Y5/6 to make more affordable for all.  Activity week June 2019  Brixham - March 2020  All children have option of a residential and an activity week in either Y5 or Y6 | Letter due out for activity week in next couple of days. |
| Speeding and parking | Ongoing. Jo discussed EB’s letter and meeting with officials and that to date no changes will be made to current speed limit or signage. | School to make posters which the PTFA? will have made into signs.  AW/JC to remind parents of unofficial one way system in newsletter. |
| Times Table Rock Star | Discussed the programme used by Tedburn and Yeoford. | AW to look into costs to set up and the possibility buying licence for school. |
| Reading | Discussion around reading and how reading changes how it is taught as children progress through school. Also library developments and school’s plans to use Accelerated Reader once library completed. Parents offered to come in and hear readers – discussed pros and cons of this.  Parents thought raffle in Class 4 worked well. | AW to remind staff to encourage children to change books.  Teachers to consider using a raffle system to encourage more home reading.  AW to add to newsletter. |
| Water drinking and toilets | Some children not drinking enough. Parent suggested parents provide a bottle with lines on to encourage drinking. AW said many children use water fountain in addition to bottles and drinks are provided at lunch time. | Staff to remind children to drink/go to the toilet |
| Lunch clubs | One parent suggested too many clubs and children not playing outside enough. Discussion around other outdoor time during the day. | Parents to support children to choose clubs wisely to ensure a spread of activity. |
| DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY – 9.00am. | | |