



The BAWB Collaboration
 Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools
Mid-Dale Excellence in Education
 Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

Askrigg and Bainbridge Parents' Forum
 Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 14th October
 6:30pm
 Bainbridge School

Chair: Cathy Bergs
 Minutes: Kath Alderson

Present: Angela Peacock; Donna Peacock; David Madley.

In attendance: Clare Cooper - Parent Governor at West Burton

Collaboration

Collaboration is working very well. The children are happy and have a wider circle of friends. It was suggested that perhaps the older children weren't mixing quite as well as the younger ones? Everyone agreed it was a loss to the schools when children had moved to Hawes, but there was a much more positive feeling in both schools now. An unexpected positive about collaboration was that children become used to travelling on a bus before they move to secondary school. Parents were also finding that their children were becoming less forgetful (PE kit etc) when they were not taught at their home school.

One concern was that parents didn't see as much of their child's teacher at the other site, but this wasn't seen as a major problem.

Miss Harper is easily contactable at any of the three schools, and as she doesn't have a teaching commitment she is able to respond to queries swiftly.

The joining of the PTFAs was seen as a sensible and positive move.

Christmas lunch arrangements were questioned.

Uniform was discussed and the possibility of having one uniform, perhaps at all three schools. Whilst this was seen as something for the future, a long 'phase in' of any new uniform was essential.

Communication

There had been concern that a three school newsletter would be too much information, but it was felt that, as the majority of information is on the front page, it was working well. The presentation of diary dates needs improving as differentiation between events at the three schools isn't always clear.

The class timetables parents had received at the start of term were very useful.

Home School link books were discussed. It was felt these weren't being used regularly anymore and perhaps a reminder to parents about the purpose of the book.

The possibility of diverting phone calls between schools when administrators are not on site was suggested.

Next Meeting

6:30pm at Askrigg School in the Spring term. Date to be confirmed.

AOB

Parents were anxious that changes in class teacher meant that some children were re-learning things whilst the teacher settled in.

A get together during the summer term was suggested. It was felt an afternoon / evening event for children and families from all the schools on one site would be a good idea.

Would it be possible to subscribe to the website so that an email was received when new information was posted on the website?

Meeting closed 7:11pm

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