

BAWB Parents' Forum
Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 19th October 2017
7pm
Bainbridge School

Chair: Georgina Pickard-Sparne

Minutes: Kath Alderson

Present: M. Cooper; H Hodgson; D Wood

Apologies: G Anderson; H Dalton; F&J Cartwright; T Dent; K Jump; P Scott.

Federation

- Parents were very pleased the excellent SIAMS report following the inspection at West Burton

Communication

- The text service continues to be well received. Could admin please send reminders for Parents Forum by text for future meetings.
- It was felt that communication for children starting both Reception and Nursery could have been better; there had been some confusion over uniform requirements in particular. A kit list might be useful for future intakes.
- Parents thought there may have been a 'new starter pack' in previous years which had useful information in about uniform, school start and finish times, dinner money etc. This may be worth re-instating.
- Children were thoroughly enjoying the yoga sessions in school.

Next Meeting

7pm at West Burton School – Wednesday 24th January 2018

AOB

- The new BAWB website should be launched in December. Parents felt it was a positive move to have one website rather than three. They hoped content would be easier to find e.g. current topic and class timetables. It was also noted that some of the information was out of date e.g name of curriculum lead.
- Had a Governor Skills audit been carried out? Georgina said one was due and would be carried out shortly.
- Some parents were unsure who the Governors were, specifically newer members of the Governing Board. This information is displayed in all three schools, however it was suggested it may be useful for it to be included in the newsletter.
- Could there be more BAWB assemblies – maybe one each time there is a BAWB day?
- It was noted that the children really enjoy BAWB days.
- Regular contact with school, specifically for parents of children who come to school by bus, or those who are dropped off at Askrigg and taught at Bainbridge and vice versa, was difficult to achieve.
- Could Bainbridge and Askrigg teachers perhaps take celebration assembly in their non-home school occasionally? E.g. if Miss Collins or Mr Billingham went to Bainbridge and Mrs Harrison or Mrs Loughlin went to Askrigg for a celebration assembly then children who attend assembly at the school where they are not taught could receive their certificate from their class teacher.
- A parent expressed a positive response to the quality of communication via the home school link books for a child who is in Class 4 at Askrigg.
- When would the postponed community engagement meetings be held?
- What were the maternity cover arrangements for Miss Harper?

Meeting closed 7:40pm