

School Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Attendees – V.Jenkins, H.Eustice, C.Viquiera, J. Dunstan, B.Robinson, S.Hall, L.Philp, R.Auckland, K.Cotton, E.Pate, A.McCutcheon, D.Barton, K.Williams, P.Dennis.

- Beccy Robinson from Aspens/Sian Hall gave an overview of the Aspens service, menu rotation and choice.
- Parents were shown portion size of KS1 and KS2 meals – LP commented that this was a surprise as descriptions from home were of a much smaller portion.
- BR – said that as it was a new menu children who were selecting jacket potatoes because they were unsure would have sample pots available to try new menu and entice them to choose it next time it is on.
- EP – asked about the sourcing of products and how local they were. SH said she would investigate and send on information.
- LP – asked if children could have more to eat if they wanted. VJ said they could.
- SH showed parents the reading together section on the website and 10 Top Tips for Reading at Home section.
- SH discussed school development in reading this year as a result of gaps in knowledge and subsequent improvement in attainment.
- SH explained the expectations for reading at home and how the removal of Reading Reord intended to improve the reading time at home to become more of a celebration and less of a battle.
- SH discussed the use of Reading Journals in KS2 and expectations for using them. SH showed some examples from Y3 and Y4 and that these were available to view on the website.
- SH then showed the new Supporting Wellbeing at home section on the website, which has been designed as first port of call for parents whose children are experiencing anything impacting on their wellbeing. There is a host of free resources there for children and parents to access.
- SH/KC presented on the FOSB activities, funds raised this year and what they had been spent on. She reported the school had received £9000 to purchase Active Boards, Furniture for the KS1 veranda, books and money towards trips and residentials.
- KC reported that the next event will be a quiz at the Town Hall to raise funds for the EYFS and a Rainbow Run in July.
- JD – reminded the group about using Easy Fundraising before shopping as this had now raised £500 for the school.
- The group discussed how to gain greater attendance to the School Forum and how perhaps combining it with something involving the children would help.