

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that we the Parent Voice have met for the very first time! We are very excited about the opportunities ahead of us to support the school and the education of all our children.



The members of the of the Parent Voice are as follows,



Back Row - Sonia Mound Year 3	Helen Smith Year 1	Sarah Leavesley Year 1
----------------------------------	-----------------------	---------------------------

Middle Row - Holly Gill Year 4 (Vice Chairperson)	Sue Foster Year 3	Janet Staley Year 2	Tabitha Bailey Year 4 (Secretary)
---	----------------------	------------------------	---

Front Row - Trudie Nicholas Year 1	Julie Haran Year 1	Joe Kehoe Reception
---------------------------------------	-----------------------	------------------------

Lucy Colclough - Deputy Head Teacher Temporary Chairperson

During our first meeting we agreed the aims of the Parent Voice which were shared with you in the last working party newsletter.

Our aims are to foster close communication among parents, pupils and the school to continue to raise standards and encourage parents to participate fully in the development of the school.

# PARENT VOICE – NEWSLETTER 1

We also discussed the protocol of the Parent Voice which again was shared in the previous newsletter.

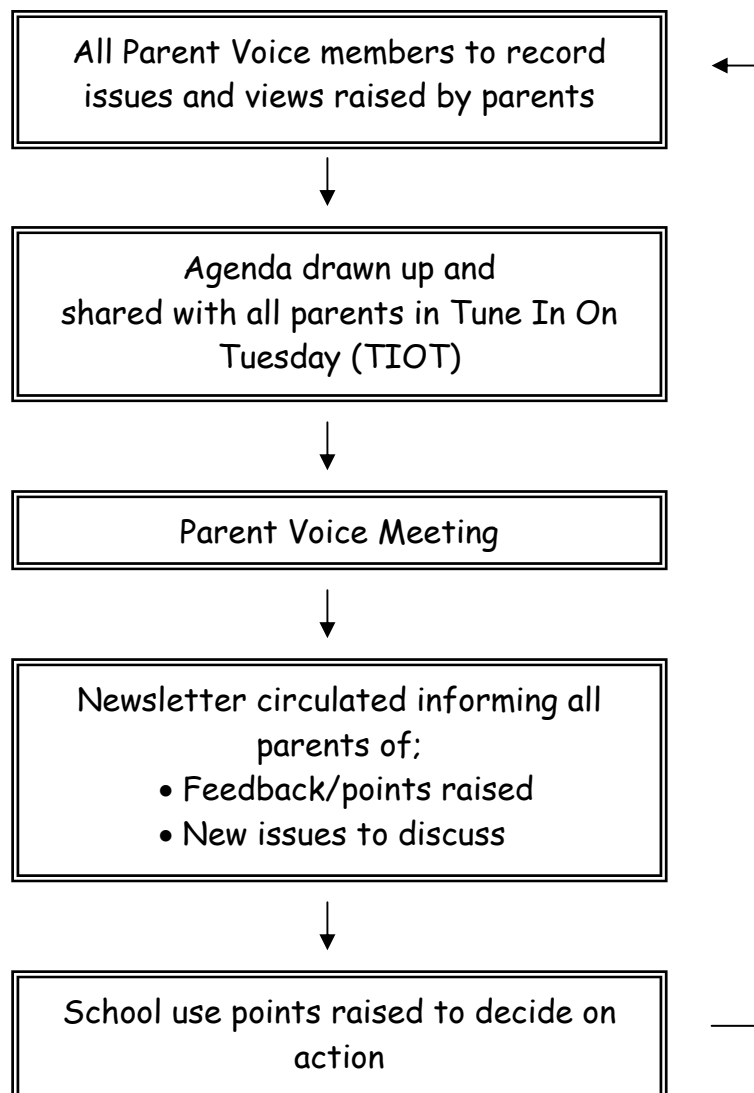
The role of the Parent Voice is consultative and advisory. The Governing Body remains the decision maker of the school and provides strategic leadership. The Parent Voice is also not the channel for individual complaints and issues. It is a forum for whole school/year group issues to be addressed based on the needs of all children, parents and the school.

During the meeting we discussed lines of communication to enable your views to be raised at Parent Voice meetings. We can be contacted in the following ways:

- Feel free to approach us on the playground
- Email ( see attached list)
- Complete a proforma (held in the office) and place in the box in the entrance
- Letter to school marked for the attention of the Parent Voice
- Parent Voice Surgery - 2 of our members will be available to listen to your views in school around the beginning and end of the school day

## What happens next?

The following flow diagram should help you visualise the Parent Voice process.



Throughout this process school and governors will be consulted when necessary.

## First Talking Point

The Senior Leadership Team brought to the meeting the issue of 'Christmas Plays' and asked for parent views relating to current arrangements. Whilst school appreciate the need for children to experience group productions, they are concerned about the following points;

- 5 different Christmas plays totalling 9 performances in 1 week is logistically very difficult
- Impact on teaching time
- Disruption of the children's routines - PE lessons are often taken off timetable due to hall sharing
- Fatigue at the end of term
- Administration difficulties with tickets etc

We would welcome any views on current arrangements and any positive suggestions about how we can improve the opportunities for our children to showcase their talents.

Dates for your diaries;

Surgery - The Den (old staffroom)	8.30am Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Surgery - The Den	2.30pm Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Parent Voice Meeting	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to hearing from you,

Parent Voice