

A Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.



The aims of the Parent Forum:

- to work together to improve the education provided for our children
- to share information, knowledge and skills
- to meet in a mutually supportive environment
- to further improve communications between parents/carer/ staff/governor

Parents who are members:

- Mrs Cooke (Year R & 3)
- Mrs Belsey (Year 2)
- Mrs Parker (Year 3 & 5)
- Mrs Prudham (Year 1)

Apologies received from Mrs Prudham and Mrs Cooke.

Meeting 3 – Wednesday 23rd March 2022 – 2pm

Parent Forum Minutes

Previous Minutes

We discussed these areas from the previous meeting:

Positive feedback received about appointment of Site Supervisor and the appearance of the site in general.

Communication - can see improvements made to this. See discussion below about areas that still have been raised and to work on.

Homework – this has been discussed at length with SLT and staff and a new format is being agreed for after Easter with a clear thought on the purpose of homework. This was also brought up as part of today's discussion again - see below.

Reading – stamp purchased – improvements seen in KS1 -see comments below ref KS2

Discussed what rewards we do have as well as the notion that praise is as valuable if not more so than the reward. Still need further reading challenges in place.

EYFS T Shirts/uniform also briefly rediscussed as a royal blue T Shirt was found in some spare uniform stock. To rediscuss.

Food and Healthy Eating Policy shared, and no further comments or feedback have been received.

Discussed other areas and updates.

School update

Mrs Sykes has now left, and a recruitment process has taken place. A new member of staff will start asap in EYFS.

Points to discuss from others brought to the meeting

Homework – marking was discussed again as if marked at all being minimal vs the amount of effort and time it has taken.

Action: This is being readdressed as part of recent staff discussion surrounding homework. Refreshed system to be introduced after half term.

Spelling Shed - this was also discussed as part of homework expectations. Some concern about the resource itself and how it teaches spelling but also query about if not done what happens as some children not now doing and nothing said.

Action: As with Homework, Refreshed system to be introduced after half term. Also Spelling shed have revamped their program so some change should be evident in coming months.

Reading books in LKS2 – children who are still part of scheme don't seem to have a consistent understanding of when how etc to change books.

Action: SS to address with team.

Who to email reminders need to be clearer on who to email what about. **SS to action communication letter as a reminder.** This led to specific discussion ref Toucans and in Mr Green's absence who to email. Recent letter said to email Office@ email and this will be disseminated accordingly. Also, a parent shared that an email link on the website does not work – this to be more detailed as to location so SS can investigate and fix as necessary.

Dates- a google calendar is now on website since last meeting and some positive feedback received. However, parents also like the A4 sheet of dates of the term that went out previously. **Action: This will be reinstated for summer term.**

Highfliers booking vs Clubs – raised about booking HF times and then clubs coming out after. **Action: SS to speak with HF to try and help and to discuss this issue to make it easier.** SS is aware that parents would be keen to know the club plans earlier than currently given. **Action: this will be something to look at next academic year.**

Access to water – this was requested as reminder to what the 'rules' are on this. In majority of classroom water is not on the children's tables largely due to practical issues spillages, space etc. In all classrooms there is regular access to water whenever children feel the need, as long as it is appropriate to the situation – teachers share with children the more appropriate and inappropriate times. Teachers lower down the school do offer reminders too in the school day. Reminder it is Water only in classrooms.

Maths – some children have reported that Maths is too easy. SS suggested referring to the Maths curriculum evening information for more detail (on website under curriculum)– the emphasis is not on the answer generally which may well have been easy but the process and reasoning around that as well as problem solving. Children who find maths easy generally can't explain things as well and this is an area that is being worked on in classes.

Positive feedback from Science Week and Music Bumps game – children have spoken of all the great activities that were done in this week and with CR's Musical Bumps too. Request for further days like this! This is a careful balance between curriculum, learning and including these experiences within the academic calendar.

Playtimes and outside activities – this was discussed again and the notion that sport is not allowed and we are not supportive of this. Unfortunately, this is very much misunderstood, and it is the space vs amount of children vs what can be played safely that is the consideration here. Through the winter months the field will not be used and so therefore space is tighter. Kicking footballs recently on the MUGA has resulted in two staff members being hit in the face. Sadly, the games played are as if it is the weekend game of football or equivalent and this cannot happen. Other sports are widely encouraged e.g. basketball (and hoops available) Netball, as well as other playtime games and activities.

When the field is reintroduced as it is now football, cricket etc is possible although will still be rotated so that all children (boys and girls) get the opportunity to play. This is not going to be monopolised by certain children. Year 5 and 6 will always be able to play from 1pm as no one else is out at lunch. Playground markings and other equipment are quoted and now need to confirm funding with PTFA and other possible donations. It is the winter months to consider.

School Dinners – suggestion that they maybe not quite so good anymore particularly referencing portion size. SS observing this and can say that the portion sizes are fine and maybe previously kitchen staff over portioned. **Action: SS will feedback to Fresh Start as they are always keen to hear feedback and will no doubt action anything that is needed if necessary.**

Outside environment this was again discussed, and Site Supervisor with Mrs Ostler will continue to work on this in the summer term.

[Mr Green's absence](#) – timetable of staff – due to the amount of current absence with staff a timetable is made for covering the class but isn't going to be shared with parents due to possible changes. Children will know what is happening. Mrs MacLean and Ms Sambrook are covering much, I am stepping in and Mrs Street is doing one day too. Otherwise class will be split.

Thanks was given to Mrs Hughes for the online lessons when a large amount of KS1 were off. Also, all the work posted by staff was very appreciated.

Any concerns about individual staff to be raised with staff at school directly as not appropriate for parent forum discussion.

School Development Plan

Shared and discussed – please see attached.

Net Meeting – Wednesday 4th May 2pm