

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)
- Ms Girling (Year R, 1 and 2)
- Mrs Belsey (Year 2)
- Mrs Parker (Year 3 & 5)
- Helen Prudham (Year 1)

Apologies received from Mrs Cooke.

Meeting 4 – Wednesday 25th May 2022 – 2pm

Parent Forum Minutes

Previous Minutes

Went through previous minutes and discussed. Homework was a particular topic which we took time to discuss. Generally, really positive feedback received with a feeling of less pressure and stress, more flexible and open in the tasks which has been well received and liking the grid of choice.

Few areas to consider and iron out including some tasks were on things not yet taught which made it a little limiting, in KS2 particularly there were no quick tasks to complete. Spent time discussing the spelling shed and maths shed app with still similar feelings to before. Some uncertainty about all these aspects being on screen whilst other appreciate this option and it actually helped for some to feel motivated. Still a dislike to the timer! Sometimes glitches/ mistakes too. Parents discussed how they adapt tasks to suit their own children.

Suggestion at start of school year hold an Ed shed information evening for parents to help them know functions and ways to use. A great suggestion. Brief discussion on timings of these events again!

Also wondered if as part of the book look could be something shared on screen by teacher / phase to help parents understand an area within school.

SS reiterated changes particularly to spelling they are making as a company.

This year we will have a parent questionnaire again with questions generic but also specific question where parents can feedback as individuals too on the updated system for homework.

SS gave a general school update.

School Dinners – puddings was discussed as an area. SS has spoken many times with them with concerns shared etc and as has been discussed with them will invite Nicola Cooper, Area Manager for FS for the school, to the next meeting. Also maybe to consider food wastage as a school.

Action: Invite NC to next meeting

Discussed letters/flyers being identified more clearly as to who they are for – Letters are generally only sent to who they are relevant too – think this mostly referring to Friday flyers. Maybe in term 6 trial 4 phases or whole school letter. On reflection this is a bit tricky to manage! **Action: Will rethink for September how this can be addressed with Mrs Glover.**

Wet playtimes discussed as little equipment in some rooms for children. SS to ask teachers ready for autumn term to assess this and maybe put a plea out for wet playtime game donations. **SS to action this with staff and wider community for donations**

[Football rota discussed](#) – this was clearly explained with rationale – UKS2 have late lunch meaning a privilege to being the oldest classes in school give them football 4 days a week as no one else out from 1-1.30pm. Whereas Y1-4 have 2 days each. One day is a no football day but Mr Pemble is in and sets up a variety of other games and activities for children to play.

Discussed protocols of [evacuating a class](#) if behaviours and regulation of a child mean this is needed. This is common practice and is advised by many external professionals. We are extremely mindful of when to do it, how to do it and to not disrupt learning with the concept being the lesson continues in an alternative room. Some concern that learning may have been lost in one class recently. SS to make sure that this is not the case. Gobs and external support in place.

[Care of medical equipment for children](#). This was discussed as a concern by some parents. Every class has a medical green bag named which NO children should go in – Adults only. It is hung in class and taken outside with classes and on trips etc including Swimming. It contains a basic first aid kit of plasters wipes etc as well as chn's specific medical equipment.

If children need an inhaler in school, it MUST be kept in there and not removed by anyone other than an adult. All staff know this is where to find things.

Some children particularly further up the school may feel they can access their own items which does then complicate situations. Some parents feel their inhalers should be kept in their bags for coming to and from school. In that situation we require an inhaler in the green bag and a separate inhaler in the school bag if felt required.

However children MUST not administer their own medication without the knowledge of an adult in school.

[School Action point: make sure parents have been informed if a child has used inhaler.](#)

[T-shirts](#) – raised again in EYFS with concerns still in place.

Now Covid restrictions are lifted are there [more way parents can be involved in school things](#) e.g. Friday assemblies. SS used to do this at her previous school but with the size of this school and 270 children in the hall this is a squeeze at the best of times without inviting parents in! School to consider way that this could be incorporated – monthly? Phase? Outside? Great idea to consider. Need to consider those children who won't have anyone present as well though.

[Parents evening requested](#) to be F2F – SS confirmed a Hybrid model is likely to be run as some parents really appreciate the ability to not have to leave work, sort childcare and that 2 parents could join at the same time from different locations.

One parent asked how [Houses are organised](#) and [house points awarded](#). SS explained this – this led to a conversation about how a weekly information section in the newsletter would help parents understand aspects like this – SS to action this as thought it sounded a great idea – SS requested questions and thoughts on what to answer each week as it would be good to know what it is to answer about that would be of interest / help! Actioned in newsletter as yet no response!

Meeting concluded 3pm

Next meeting 29th June 2pm