

Parent Forum Meeting Friday 10th February 2017

Present		Apologies
<p>Sue Davis: Co-opted Governor Helen Howe: School Business Manager Geraldine Brogan: Head Teacher Paula Archard: Y3 Parent Magalie Briand: Y4 Parent Fiona Rose: Y3 Parent Emma Henley-Davis: Y3 Parent</p>		
Whom	Discussion	Actions
HH	<p>Advised of work that had been discussed to change web calendar and the reasons for not changing the web calendar and how we plan to improve things moving forwards.</p> <p>All felt web site had improved and feel as a school we should use this to shout about our successes more.</p> <p>ED suggested reminding parents of the class blogs in the weekly newsletter so parents remember to look.</p>	HH to add to weekly newsletter
MB	<p>Advised of issues raised by Y4 parents: Parents feel homework is not being checked consistently, with some unmarked, comments were made with regard to MyMaths, maths worksheets and topic homework.</p> <p>GB advised that all homework should be being marked and that she would speak with the teachers to improve this moving forward.</p> <p>Parents do not feel that notes in homework diaries are being acknowledged.</p> <p>GB advised that she would raise this with the Y4 teachers and advised that teachers do not look in homework diaries on a daily basis and</p>	GB to speak with Y4 teachers.

	<p>that children would be required to advise teachers that there was a note for them. Y3 parents advised that this was not the case for them and that homework books were looked at most days. General discussion held around the expectations of the children as they move into higher year groups and teachers are trying to encourage the children to be more independent.</p> <p>ED suggested that children and parents were made aware of what was expected of them when moving into a new class/year group.</p>	
MB	<p>Parents would like to know how their child's spelling test had gone by actually seeing the test.</p> <p>HH & ED suggested small books children could use with their weekly spellings in the front and then take their spellings test in the back so that when the books go home parents will be able to see how their child has got on.</p>	GB to discuss with teachers and visit Infant school to look at how this is managed.
MB	<p>Parent would like to know why children are allowed to play on the trim trail when muddy. GB advised that the trim trail had artificial grass around it and unless it was too wet children would always be allowed to play on it. Children are also allowed to bring a change of clothes into school should parents not want them to get their school uniform dirty during play. As a school unless by parent request or health and safety risks we will never limit the children's free play time.</p>	
GB	<p>Ask what group felt about using a web based system for booking parent's evening appointments.</p> <p>All in favour as long as an option available for those who do not have internet access.</p> <p>HH advised we would be able to do this through school as we do now for parents who have issues using the Parentpay system.</p>	GB/HH to look at for next parents evening.
ED	<p>Would it be possible to arrange more transition for pupils in Y6 having children that have started Y7 this academic year it has been an incredible jump for them and feel that more could be done.</p> <p>GB advised that days spent at the new school</p>	GB to discuss Y6 transition with Y6 team.

	<p>for pupils is down to the new school however we can look at doing more within school to prepare the pupils.</p> <p>ED also suggested bringing the children to parents evening in Y6 as the do in high schools so the children can be involved in the discussions. Separate appointments with teachers if required could be done at a different time.</p> <p>GB advised we would discuss this with staff but it isn't all secondary's that do this from year 7 and it isn't always appropriate for every child at Primary school.</p>	
HH	<p>Asked whether parents had ever filled in Parentview on the Ofsted website, quite often as a school we only ever hear from parents when things go wrong and this is an area where parents can show they are happy with the school and really makes a difference during an Ofsted inspection. Parents think this is something parents can do to celebrate the school and would circulate.</p> <p>HH advised link was now on website.</p>	
Y3 Parents	Advised that homework was being marked and felt it was now a lot easier to manage.	GB will pass onto Y3 team.
ED	<p>Brought up parking outside of school during drop off and pick up and asked whether we thought having cones on the yellow lines would help.</p> <p>GB advised this was something we could look into.</p> <p>HH to contact police to check the law on us putting out our own cones.</p>	
GB	Thanked everyone for their time and comments.	

Time and date of next meeting: Friday 7th April @ 2.15pm