

Parent Forum Minutes: 17/05/2024 08:45 – 10:00

Attendees:

Angela Badger (Y1 rep), Catherine Reddin (Yr 3 rep), Kim Weir (Y4 rep), Laura Stewart (Chair and Y6 rep) and Rachel Arney (Took minutes and Y6 rep)

School Staff: Rachael Macklearn (interim Headteacher)

1. Positive feedback from parents

- Appreciation of the efforts for the Isle of Wight trip
- Updated uniform policy and appreciation of feedback being actioned
- Further praise for the reading books
- Communication table in newsletter

2. Lunchtime attendance in houses

- Fed back that houses for lunch time is confusing
- Explained that this was routine prior to pandemic.
- RM explained that there are several benefits to going to lunch their houses, including better behaviours and calmer.

3. Security

- Concern regarding the access to school
- RM update: This has already been acknowledged by the school as an area for improvement with quotes sought. There is a new sign in system soon to be utilised and new gates (with buzzer for entry) will be completed either by the end of the summer term or during the summer holidays.

4. Communications

- The requirements are for one parents evening per academic year, Bishop Perrin offer two.
- Parents/Carers can always speak to their child's teacher
- Open morning presents an opportunity to see child's work / books
- End of year reports are a significant amount of work for the teachers
- Feedback: parents would appreciate a reminder of when PSHE topics such as puberty are going to be discussed.
- Regarding school communications app: not in immediate plans, however will be considered as future development.
- Communication policy is being drafted and welcome feedback from parents

5. Homework

- Challenge to get the balance right, with range of opinions from all. (Previous Parent Survey feedback that number of projects was too much and in response to this, BP have reduced the number of these).
- Infants: cognisant of the learning in the school day and needing rest after school. The homework in Year 2 is gradually introduced.
- Reminder that BBC Bitesize is a useful resource and books are available to buy for parents who wish to purchase. Consideration for this to be communicated at the beginning of the school year.

- Reading books: if child is enjoying / wants to finish a book, do write a note in the child's diary that they wish to have for longer time period.

6. Clubs

- Addressed parent feedback and have expanded the range to include more creative clubs, such as drama and art
- There are limitations with clubs due to being a small school, both space and staff numbers
- Clubs offered 'in-house' are in teacher's own time
- School has good relationship with JA Sports
- Specific feedback re: football club, this has to be at TH and other safeguarding/first aid requirements to be met.
- Specific feedback re: club booking times: this has to be during the school hours, however Parent Forum shared that external clubs often open earlier (days) for booking.

Updates from Miss Macklearn

School trips

- There was a limited response to survey, generally parents want to keep both Yr5 and Yr6 trips.
- Isle of Wight is also aligned with the curriculum.
- Discussed proposal for parents to drop / collect, however this is harder to manage.
- Plans to increase the re-payment window to spread costs.

Breakfast club

- Alternatives are being explored, including speaking with Koosa Kids.
- Minimum numbers can present a challenge

Lost Property

- Will continue current arrangements

Parent forum

- Useful forum to talk through any feedback, including reasoning such as requirements to be met and to identify improvements.
- Termly meetings

Closing

Next Parent Forum meeting planned for November and welcome more parent reps

Actions:

- Explore use of 'wish list';
- Consider Parent Forum 'we said, we did' summary for newsletter
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Sign off by Chair: Laura Stewart 28.06.24