



Parent Forum Feedback

Last Meeting: Wednesday 16th October 2019

Apologies: Zennie Major Heather Da Luz Vieira Louise Holden

Present: Deborah Whitty - Staff, Nichola Stewart - Staff, Lisa Sandham - Y1, Julie Bradley - Y1, , Amanda McCracken - Yr2, Nicola Long - Yr4, Gaby Hannibal - Y2

Parent Forum Representatives Information:

Please visit the school's website to find information regarding the parent forum representatives. This can be located under the parent information tab.

Representatives can also be contacted via email at: parentforum@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk
Parents should include their child's year group and class in the title of any email to ensure it reaches the correct representative e.g. Year 4 Class 15.

Agenda items 16TH October 2019

Parents were asked to offer feedback about Home Learning

- Feedback from parents in Year 1 reported that some of the terminology used in the Home Learning guidance was new to them and needed some further clarification
- Year 1 parents asked for additional information about websites to support home learning which was new to them this year
- Parents reported that they felt there were lots of opportunities to support their children with additional work through websites and optional work
- Parents felt that the homework was fair and reasonable and recognised that some parents would want more and some feel that it is too much
- Parents who have had year 6 children in the school reported that the transition to secondary school has seen a vast increase in homework and that they perhaps could cope with more homework in year 6

Actions -

- School to more carefully plan for EYFS to year 1 homework transition next academic year. Parents have now had more information shared and feel that it is clear
- Phonics evening for EYFS planned for this academic year which will support parents with terminology and how to support learning
- Consideration to be made to offer more optional homework for older children
- Learning club available for homework support for all y3-6 children from 8:15 in the morning, until 4:00 pm after school and at lunchtimes. These are drop in sessions which are free of charge and can be to complete times tables practise, reading or other homework. Support is available from teaching staff during the session.

Parent Forum were asked to consider how opinions can be gathered from year groups and how feedback could be given

- It was agreed that different representatives are gathering information in different ways and a consistent approach would be more successful.
- Parents discussed ways in which they gather opinions

Actions-

- It was agreed that 2 weeks prior to a parent forum meeting, the agenda will be shared on the school website on the parent forum area and parents advised via representatives and the school newsletter that the agenda is available
- Parents then use links for emails on the website to contact the relevant parent representative to share any relevant views or information
- Feedback is then shared via the website by school staff so that the information is consistently delivered
- Representatives felt that this was more manageable and would allow all parents to have access to agenda items and have the opportunity to be involved
- If a parent approaches a representative about a concern other than an agenda item, they will direct to school in order for them to get a timely response and support if needed

Parent forum were asked to consider the use of plastic bags on school trips which are then disposed of

- The group discussed the need for the occasional use of bags when the safety of large groups of children are paramount. It was agreed that parents had the option to re-use an existing carrier bag or use paper bags which are considered to be more ecologically friendly
- As an eco-friendly school we are passionate about protecting the environment but at this time all involved agreed that as it is such an infrequent event and there is the option of a paper bag, that this was acceptable

(Many thanks to all of the parent forum representatives for the support and to Heather for her time and support to complete the minutes)