

Curriculum Parent forum

Agenda and Minutes



Meeting on 20th January 2016

Attending : Mrs Lupton +10 parents

Agenda

- Children's university – arrangements and how to best inform parents.
- School website development – parent page what would you want to see on it!
- The new curriculum whole school overview and bucket list experiences for the coming year.
- How best to contact parents – parent mail? Newsletter? Website?
- Home reading – how can we encourage parents to interact with school reading?
- New parent questionnaire 2016- any additions/ suggestions?

Minutes

- **Children's University**
 - *Discussed a number of local destinations which could be validated.
 - * There was a discussion re. the new training date and what it would involve for parents
 - Actions – Mrs Lupton to contact some of the local destinations with the view to validating them as learning destination- information passed to parent re. validation of local cheerleading club
- **New website**
 - *Discussion re. lighthouses on the website for children/parents to access.
 - Actions – Need to ensure each year group has the lighthouse on the website and pages updated regularly
- **Curriculum Whole school overview and Bucket list experiences**
 - *Discussed the Spring term plans and planned activities so far – WI week and inspirational women.
 - *Parents asked if the whole school plan could be put on the back of lighthouses at the beginning of each term.
 - Actions - Mrs Lupton to arrange for the whole school plan for each year group to be put on the relevant lighthouses. Each year group to have their section of the whole school plan on their Year group page.

- **How best to contact parents –Parent mail? Newsletter? Website?**

- *Parent mail – there is still a problem with some parents receiving texts /messages etc.. Some parents still not receiving information.

- * Parents liked the new style newsletter layout.

- *Discussion as to what needed to be included on the parent page of the website – homework help/ current information/ support for reading/ phonics/ spelling

- Actions – Mrs Lupton will work with IT support to put information for parents on the website. Mrs Lupton will speak to office manager re. parent mail again.

- **Home Reading- parent interaction?**

- *Parents raised that children's home readers are rarely commented in by class teachers especially when they have moved to Key Stage 2 (most of the time their children don't have a book in KS2)

- *More guidance needed on what to do to support their child at a particular level – don't understand the book banding.

- Actions- The homework issue is to be brought up in the staff meeting and information re. homework to go out to parents via the newsletter. Information is in the home readers books - staff to check this is all up to date for parents.

- **New Parent Questionnaire 2016 – any additions/ suggestions?**

- *Parent question about the new website and about home reading support.

- Actions – Mrs Lupton to ensure these questions are included in the new questionnaire.

Next Parent Forum to meet in March – date to be agreed.