

Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting held Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 18:00

Present: Parent of WR Yr 5, J & TO Yr 4 & 5, J&CS Yr 6 & 3, AW Yr 3, BM Yr 3, CW Yr 3

Welcome and purpose of group explained for new attendees.

Feedback on progress of points raised during previous meeting/s:

- Website hopefully live at February half term.
- Use of WhatsApp, Snapchat etc - Update of progress with support for parents. On-line event has been booked and details will be sent shortly. Children do have on-line safety sessions every half term. Meeting on Zoom for parents will be recorded and available later for those who could not attend. Hopefully word of mouth will mean more parents will watch the recorded event.

Updated Homework Policy

This has been re-drafted by senior leadership team and teachers consulted. Only new item in it is to reward children for doing in excess of expectation.

Suggestion is to remove Century for Years 3 and 4. Emile for Spelling added as this is a weakness across the school. Century will still be available for those that want it. Parent commented that Emile does not work on PC's as it is an app. School will look into this. Clarification on TTRS 500 points or 10 minutes a day. One child being kept in because of not doing homework even though he had. Previously some teachers upholding policy others not so some inconsistencies. Teachers need to ensure children know what they need to do to get points not coins.

We have sought views from the children on TTRS. Results of questionnaire feedback from children showed 85% of children said they enjoyed using it. Parent asked if this was across all ages? This has not been analysed yet but will be. 92 % felt it helped them to learn their tables. 90% of children felt the homework was fair yet only 56% achieved the expectation.

Parents on the whole felt the expectation was reasonable although there can be issues when parents work shifts. Reminder given that Homework club is available 5 times per week and is free of charge. Children in wraparound and breakfast club can also complete homework there too.

Century - parents thought it would be good to keep 1 nugget in Year 3 and 2 in Year 4, with a phased introduction in Year 3 to build up to full homework expectations ready for Year 4.

Would workshops for parents be helpful when child is in Year 2 to see how things work? Parents present thought this was a good idea.

End of day collection

Parent at previous meeting was concerned about collection of children at the end of the day. All children are told to come back if parent is not outside. There are reminder signs at the pupil entrance. There has to come a point where children become more independent - if we don't let them go in Year 3 when do we do it? Other parents felt that this arrangement works.

Any Other Business

Swimming – question was raised as to how to provide evidence of 25m capability when Fusion no longer issue certificates? Screenshot of the app proving which stage the child is in is sufficient.

Housepoints - winning house get a non-uniform day but with some children already in P.E. kit this doesn't seem much of a treat. Could there be an alternative? We will take this back for discussion.