

## Parent Forum – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

SB went through the responses from the questionnaire. Some parents hadn't received the questionnaire.

**Suggestion:** Text messages home as reminders for letters coming home/non-uniform days/cancelled events.

### Termly reports.

SB explained when these would be sent out. Parents were very positive about this.

**Suggestion:** The spring term forum can be a platform to discuss how useful the termly report is.

### Curriculum

There was a lot of discussion about how best to help parents about the curriculum and the different ways their children are taught. Parents liked share a lesson but didn't feel that they necessarily saw how different things were taught. They enjoyed working with their children.

**Suggestion:** Film clips on the website of how we teach things – could be teachers or pupils demonstrating. It could be started with how we teach times tables and calculations methods that parents could access to help their children.

### Spellings

Parents were concerned that they weren't getting spellings sent home. SB explained about how learning a list of spellings didn't have an impact on the children's writing. Parents felt that it would be useful if they had suggestions about how to learn them and if they could find out the score so that they can support with the ones their child finds difficult.

**Suggestion:** we will communicate to parents how spelling is taught.

### Maths

Y1 parent felt that more information about what they should be doing with the Learn-it's homework would be useful, she had been doing things mentally when it was suggested that he should be writing it down.

**Suggestion:** send more information about the learn-it's for parents.

Feedback about how they were doing was queried. Some classes get a copy of that week's learn it sent home.

**Suggestion:** if this is happening in one class it should be happening in all classes. We will clarify this and ensure consistency across all year groups.

Maths websites were discussed. One school has secured Sumdog for £1 per child.

**Suggestion:** We will investigate this and the cost of RMEasimaths for parents to access at home and see the progress their child is making.

### Class dojo

Some parents were unsure about class dojo and what it was used for and that some staff use it more than others. SB outlined her concerns about parents contacting staff through class dojo as she was often unaware of this communication.

**Suggestion:** review of Class dojo and perhaps a protocol for parents.

Parent mail needs looking at as some parents are not receiving it. It doesn't seem to have worked since an update during last academic year. Most parents were keen to go to a paperless system.

Could there be a calendar of events on the website?

Leaving children in the front playground each morning.

Some parents were not happy to leave their children as they are so young . Could inner gates be higher? Could UFS & Y1 children go straight in to school as other year groups do?