

Parent Representatives Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2015

Present: SM, MF, KP, JO'I, FE, DS, LN, NW, MW, CG, KH, ES, SW

Apologies: CM, LC, JL

Spellings:

Spellings now following a similar format to the Maths Passports. Children have all been assessed for level where they will start. Spellings are to be practised for homework. High Frequency words are also to be learnt, words which have no phonetic plausibility but have to be learnt e.g. Year 1 are learning the days of the week and months. Year R and Year 1 are doing their spellings in a different way.

Book Week:

There is a book fair in school all w/c 2/3/15. We will be asking parent volunteers to man. On the Thursday of this week, we are having the official opening of our library by The Mayor and children are asked to come to school in pyjamas, with a teddy and a favourite bedtime story. The local press have been asked to attend. There will also be reading activities all week.

Homework:

A parent in KS1 had queried whether there could be more recognition given to the amount of work put into the creative homework. He felt that this was sporadic and wondered if there could be time set aside to show the work the children had done, possibly in assembly. Several parents praised the way this was achieved in some years;
Year 3 – good work is read out and displayed on the wall.
Year 5- all work is looked at and children evaluate their own work as well as others.

Action: KH to bring up at staff meeting

Lining up Year R:

There was some concern that Reception class were being mowed down by older children on their way into school in the morning. It was agreed that Mrs Hamilton would prevent this from happening whilst on the gate in the morning.

Action: KH on the gate.

Children's learning:

A parent in year 2 asked if next steps for their children's learning could be sent home so parents could help with new projects coming up. Several Parents said that this was a mammoth task to do weekly and that an overview of work for the term was sent home at

the beginning of each term. Google is a good place to find information to support new topics as is BBC website.

It was proposed that there would be an open book session on the Friday before parent's consultations at 3.15 to give them an opportunity to look at their children's work. If there were any queries or problems then these would need to be brought up at Parent's evening. It was strongly stressed that our children are pushed in school to work hard and therefore it is important that there is a healthy balance between work and play/ relax time at home. Self-evaluation of each other's and own work is encouraged and self and peer marking is used where children mark their work using green pen under guidance. In Year R and 1 The show and share session is topic related.

School Website:

We are still experiencing teething problems with the site but our server is causing problems. This is an expensive thing to solve, however ways of financing replacement of the server and for I pads is being researched.

Danielle shared that There will be a half termly schedule of the PTA activities on the website. It was questioned whether there might be a parent rep volunteer who would be willing to upload info onto the website once trained. Nicki Warne expressed an interest in this.

Action: KH to discuss with AH

School Uniform:

Change of uniform was discussed again, Danielle Sharpe has agreed to design a questionnaire to seek parent's views on possible changes and colours and when this would be feasible to do, possibly on a rolling programme starting with Year R.

Action: Danielle Sharpe

Date of next meeting: 29th April 2015 at 2 o'clock in the mobile.