

Parent Forum

6th February 2025 2.30pm

This meeting was hosted by Mrs Davies:

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| Parent | Child in year 4 & a child in Reception |
| Parent | Child in year 4 |
| Parent | Child in year 1 & a child in Pre-School |
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Objectives and Aims

To give parents an opportunity to express their views and give suggestions for changes to policies and school rules on topics which directly affect themselves as a parent and/or their children.

Outcomes and Updates from previous meeting

We reviewed the feedback from the most recent Parent Questionnaires which was well received and generally agreed with by those present a copy of which has been published in a newsletter and can be found on the website

Thank you to all those parents who completed the forms at the last Parent Consultations.

Curriculum.

We discussed how the curriculum that their children are following is communicated to parents.

Parents liked that they are able to view what their children are learning about on our website and felt that it was the right amount of detail to enable them to discuss it with their children.

Parents generally agreed that their children weren't always forthcoming with details about what they have learnt about in school and having this information enabled them to ask their child about it.

How parents would like to see the Curriculum enhanced

Parents would like to see a broader P.E curriculum with a wider variety of sports played.

More professionals coming into school to deliver P.E lessons to prepare children more fully for the many different sports played in Middle Schools

More participation in competitions with other school in a wider variety of sports.

A day where children could try sports they haven't done before such as an Athletics Day.

We also discussed how some subjects could be delivered in a more practical way:-

More outdoor practical learning for subjects such as Science and Design Technology.

More workshops delivered by visitors who are specialist in a subject, to keep the cost down this could be parents/carers with different expertise invited into school to share their knowledge.

Parents asked if the practical tasks taught as part of a topic could be varied rather than doing the same things each year, such as making a shield in year 4 could this be a different task whilst learning about the Romans.

Parents would like to see more trips as part of the curriculum to spark deeper interest in the topic, they felt children retain the knowledge more effectively when they have real life experience of what they are learning about.

Parents would like more interactive days such as a WW2 day or a Victorian day where children could dress in appropriate attire for the period and take part in activities of that time.

Parents present felt that it would be reasonable to ask for a contribution towards the cost of inviting visitors into school to share their knowledge and expertise. They would also be prepared to pay for more trips if they felt it would enrich their children's learning.

Workshops for Parents

Why is attendance low at these events?

Parents agreed that for working parents it wasn't always possible to arrange time off even with lots of notice and Parents would prioritise an event where they could watch or engage with their child.

Parents felt that when we advertise an event it should have more detail of the content being delivered and the reasons why it would be beneficial to their children if they attended.

A parent commented that as they have attended workshops for their child's older sibling they didn't feel it was always necessary to attend them again; but would if it was explained in advance that things have changed and they needed to update their knowledge in order to help their child.

Parents would like more community events involving Parents, so that they get to know other parents with children of the same age. It was felt that this would make parents feel more comfortable to come into school for workshops. Some of the year groups have an active What's App group and are very supportive of each other but this tends to be the younger year groups and isn't the case in KS2.

Thank you to all of the Parents who attended and shared their views it's much appreciated. If any other parents would like to join us at the next meeting especially Reception parents please let me know. I would love to hear your views.

The date of the next meeting and the topic for discussion will be confirmed in due course.

Mrs Davies