

## Parent Forum: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 2.30pm

This meeting was hosted by Mrs Davies:

Parent	Child in year 4 & a child in Reception
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Parent	Child in year 1 & a child in Pre-School
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Parent	Child in year R & a child in year 4 (email in addition to attending)

### 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 summary of the feedback from the most recent Parent Questionnaires which lead to a discussion of what has gone well this academic year, next steps and what we could improve.

### Comments raised whilst discussing the Outcomes of the Parent Questionnaire

Parents especially enjoyed the Forest school exhibition- this was a culmination of our Hearts and Minds week to showcase the arts and craft work that the children had done during the week; it was displayed in our Forest School. Parents enjoy all opportunities to see their children's work and celebrate their achievements and would like more opportunities and events across the year to attend.

A parent commented how much their children had enjoyed the Residential trip to Grafham Water, they felt that it had improved their child's self-confidence and resilience and was good preparation for Middle School where they needed to be more responsible and self-sufficient.

Sports Day was enjoyed by all parents present, they especially liked that there was a competitive element to some of the races, with actual winners they felt this gave sporty less academic children a chance to shine.

A Parent felt that communication had improved this year and that the Newsletter was "bright, informative and engaging, broken down into manageable sections. There have also been less last minute changes of dates/times which has been appreciated "

Homework- a parent highlighted the importance of consistency when setting homework across the school and how vital it is for parents to be aware of the Phonics that their child is learning in order to support them to consolidate their learning.

A parent also felt that we should put more emphasis on the importance of homework being completed consistently in preparation for the expectations on them once in Middle School. A parent also raised the point that homework should be done independently without parental input, as it then gives the Teacher a better understanding of the child's actual ability and understanding.

Parents would like to see more outside companies coming into school to run P.E sessions to enable school to offer a greater variety of sports and games and give less academic children more opportunities to excel.

Parents would also like to see more opportunities for themed days such as multicultural days or a Victorian day, they would also like to see more outside agencies available for Y4.

In conclusion , Parents felt that through all the various events this year the school has further developed a community within the school and with parents although there is still room for improvement Stanbridge is making big positive steps to improve academic drive through a full curriculum of activities to engage children, whilst still remaining a nurturing environment.

#### Just Giving Page

We discussed the idea of setting up a Just Giving Page to raise money for bigger projects that the school budget wouldn't stretch to, which would improve our facilities and resources for all children across the school. It was unanimously agreed that this would be a good idea, it was suggested that projects could be shared in the newsletter with a clear outline of what the money was being raised for, with a link to the page to make it easy to donate. It was also suggested that the money raised could also be used for smaller projects to ensure that as the money was raised parents would be able to see that it was being spent to benefit their children in the short term as well as the long term. A parent commented that the page would be great for parents who due to work/family commitments were unable to give their time to support projects could at least contribute financially.

#### Parent Forum-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 always prioritise an event where they could watch or engage with their child. However Parent Forum is a great way to share your views and help us to make real positive changes which do benefit your child and enrich their learning.

Thank you to all of the Parents who have attended and shared their views over the last academic year it's much appreciated. If any other parents would like to join us at the next meeting especially Reception and Year 3 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