

Barlby Bridge Community Primary School

Parent Forum Meeting- 11.12.18

DATE	Tuesday 11 th December 2018
TIME	9.00am
LOCATION	Barlby Bridge Community Primary School
ATTENDEES	Parents of children in: Year 4/ Year 2/ Year 6 C Hughes- Headteacher 2 x Co-opted School Governors
Num.	Description
01	<p>Welcome</p> <p>C Hughes welcomed the parents and grandparents to the meeting and thanked the group for their attendance. Regular meetings were suggested, and C Hughes asked parents present to publicise the meeting in order to further increase future attendance.</p>
02	<p>Homework</p> <p>Strengths of the current system:</p> <p>The forum felt that homework was most effective when it was accessible and pitched at a level which enabled children to complete it independently. It was noted that homework could offer parents and carers the opportunity to see current class coverage or to consolidate learning.</p> <p>Spellings and learning of tables are homework tasks that are well received and an aspect that is easier to support at home. The sending home of an A4 sheet of English/ maths-based work weekly was a suggestion offered.</p> <p>Whilst parents welcomed the use of the My Maths online homework system it was felt that not all families could engage with this and parents were also mindful of offering alternatives to technology at times. Parents did feel that this was a useful system at times.</p> <p>The sending of topic-based homework that the school had adopted previously was not favoured as it was felt this became too competitive and that children were not able to complete the tasks independently.</p> <p>Even Better If...</p> <p>It was noted that children engage more with homework set when they receive recognition and feedback from school staff. K Wailling, school Governor suggested a feed forward and next steps approach could be successful and the parents present agreed that this is an effective strategy for supporting learning. C Hughes discussed the difficulties of marking each piece of homework to a high degree being mindful of not adding to teaching workload. One suggestion was to devise a homework reward system similar to the reading tree which the parents reported is successful in encouraging the children to read at home. These suggestions will be discussed with the staff team and adaptations made to current systems in the Spring term. Parents felt that it would be useful if homework was co-ordinated to ensure children in different year groups were not set lengthy homework tasks at the same time.</p>
03	Reading

	<p>School Library It would be beneficial for the children to borrow books more frequently from the school library to supplement reading material at home. Reading material for boys was discussed and it was suggested that this could further encourage boys to engage with reading activities. C Hughes will liaise with S Hosford, the English lead in school to look at approaches for moving this forward.</p> <p>Home Reading Scheme Parents reported that the reading scheme worked well in school and that books are regularly changed. The option for parents to change books with children may be beneficial and C Hughes suggested the school could reintroduce the parent reading sessions and offer the option to change reading books at the same time. Feedback regarding previous sessions was the difficulty in parents attending if they have more than one child in school. C Hughes suggested a rolling programme of sessions starting with Mercury class. This was positively received. Each class will therefore take part in a session in January/ February before half term. This will start in January at the end of the school day and C Hughes will inform parents via the newsletter, text message and the Facebook page. Attendance of parents at this event will be reviewed at half term.</p>
04	<p>Points for discussion in future meetings: No points raised at present, but parents will consider and advise C Hughes at a later date.</p>
05	<p>AOB: School fundraising: Parents reported that the Christmas Fair had been well attended last night which made the school hall busy (due to space.) At the Spring/ summer events it would be beneficial to use the classroom spaces in addition to the hall as this was also a difficulty with the MacMillian event earlier in the year. Certain parents did not attend due to issues with the space at that time. Various suggestions were put forward for future school fundraising events. C Hughes welcomed the suggestions and asked that parental involvement and engagement is considered as currently FoBBS are low on representatives. This will be considered in the Spring term with the view to organise an Easter event. C Hughes will appeal to parents to volunteer as class representatives in the Spring term for the remaining two terms of the academic year.</p>
18	<p>Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this morning. It was a productive and informative discussion. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th February at 9.00am. ALL WELCOME.</p>