

Parents' Forum Spring 22

Attended: LL,MF,JG,LJ,GL,LS

Apologies:

Homework

- LL explained the clarification sent out after the previous meeting around homework expectations
- LJ discussed the benefits of the new expectations and questioned any additional maths or reading work to be sent home when children are in Y2/Y6. LL explained the reason why we have moved to a project-based homework.
- LS discussed the competition around reading. LL explained to parents that it was based around minutes read and how it is about incentivising them and promoting engagement.
- LS discussed the use of awards in school to promote reading. LL discussed a reading spotlight

Breakfast club

- LL explained the rationale around the decision to move breakfast club earlier. LL explained the decision to increase the cost of breakfast club/wraparound.
- LS/LJ discussed the increase cost as being reasonable

After school clubs/ Arbor

- LL explained the change to after school clubs going onto Arbor
- LS discussed some difficulties with Arbor and requested that if clubs go onto Arbor they don't go on during the day.
- JG asked if there was any way of not receiving the same message for each child and then parents are unaware of which child the message is for- LL explained that this isn't possible but we can be more specific with year groups.
- LS requested that important messages to be sent through text message rather than in-app messages.
- LL explained that discussions with staff have taken place around communication and to ensure there is enough time given to parents.
- LG asked if there was any way of a reduced rate for wrap around until 4:30 until other siblings are collected from other after school clubs

Parents interviews face to face

- LL explained the reason behind going back to face to face discussions with the teacher
- All parents happy with this decision

AOB

- LJ explained worries around current circumstances. LJ asked if school could put something into place. LL explained the use of Picture News in school and how some of these have been around Ukraine. LL explained that the plan is for the school to have a vigil at the end of this half term and money will be donated but as a school we will be completing work around keeping others in our thoughts. LL discussed the use of children buying resources and creating something to send over to other children.
- LS explained the use of creating positive messages and sending those.

Actions:

- Discuss ways of logging reading- potentially look at reading/effort award. Spotlight for reading/maths in the newsletter
- Specific year groups to be named on text messages/in-app due to parents having multiple siblings
- Any messages for after school club sign up to be sent out in the evenings
- LL explained a voluntary box could be placed in school to donate to Ukraine
- Look into a reduced rate of wrap around if other siblings attend after school clubs