

Parent Forum Minutes – 28th March 2023

Present:

Alex Russ
Megan Lester
Cath Morris
Claire McCormick
Louise Wilson
Roxie Parsons

Previous message informing all parents of the new Parent Forum and all parents were asked to speak to their Year group representative if they had any information they wanted addressing.

Year 5

Attendance letters –

Parents have raised queries regarding the attendance letters wording and were asking if these could be changed.

Action/comment: Mr Russ explained that these are model letters from the Local Authority and the School has to follow the model letters.

Mix messages/communication-

Parents have mentioned mixed messages with PE and sickness. Children are saying they feel unwell and then end up having to do PE.

Action/comment: If a child is unwell parents are to send a note or an email into school advising of this. If we do not receive notification then we will assume the child is to do PE.

Letters/posting

Parents have asked if all letters addressed to parents be sent via email or post rather than given to children.

Action/comment: Currently being looked into with regards postage costs.

Teaching cover

Children saying HLTA covering in some classes when teaching staff are off.

Action/comment: Mr Russ explained that he would rather use our own school staff than Supply Teachers as they know the children and the expectations of the pupils.

Dinner Menu

School council have asked for Bubble fish back on the menu.

Action/comment: Bubble fish is already available on the school dinner menu Week Two.

Year 2

Homework/Google classroom

Parents find that Google classroom is not user friendly and parents would like print outs for Homework, spellings, picture writing journal, writing worksheet, maths booklet and daily reading.

Action/comment: Mr Russ mentioned that homework quantity will be different depending on the child's year groups. Some year groups with external tests (year2 + year 6) may receive more.

He advised that he would rewrite the homework policy to make amounts more consistent, and also said that a new homework scheme will be introduced in September 2023.

- Is this right amount, can this be looked at?
- Google classroom means children can't access on their own

Again, this will be looked at when the policy is rewritten

- maths booklet were great because they can do it on their own
- Things coming home makes it easier for parents

Clubs:

Parents raised concerns that there was a lack of clubs that are non-sports based.

Action/comment: This is a really good point. We will add some more non sport based clubs to the clubs list for Summer 1.

Update: New clubs have been issued and we have a selection of Art club, Lego club and Gardening club available.

Year 1

Formal communication

Suggested that we explain to parents about what we have achieved so far in School. (2 Johns, Gymnastics).

Action/comment: This would be really helpful for parents to see what has been brought to the school attention and what has changed.

EYFS

Operational – EYFS gate

Can the gate be open earlier so parents can get siblings .

Questions from Mr Russ

Mr Russ asked parents of their opinions on Parents evening

- It was suggested that longer times with the class teacher would be better
 - –Mr Russ explained that this would be very difficult when the teacher has to speak with 30 sets of parents.

Open Evenings

It was suggested that the school did open evening to give parents' the opportunity to walk around the school and see their child's classroom.

Action: Mr Russ will look into this as a possibility.

Outside school events

Mrs McCormick has praised all BCPS children and said how amazing their behaviour is when attending events and what a credit they are. She also mentioned how positive and lovely it is that Mr Proudfoot is so involved in Parkrun and Burnham Golf club for the children.

PTA

Mr Russ spoke to everyone about the PTA and informed them on the current Chair and Vice Chair resignations.

- We need more parents to be part of the PTA or events will not be able to run for the children.