

PARENT FORUM MINUTES

Tuesday 10th October

1. **New staff:** New teachers and TA's for the school year were mentioned along with the two students we will have working with us in school this year. We also welcomed new parent representatives.
2. **End of year results:** We celebrated the fact that the KS1 and KS2 results were above the National results including *Greater depth*.
3. **End of Year reports:** It was noted by some of the parents that the reports were slightly depersonalised (Reading, Writing and Maths). The initial table in the reports outlining where they were and the general comment were still felt to be the ones parents are drawn towards. We discussed the possibility of teachers adding a personal comment to the Key areas (R,W,M) although they would still be predominantly SPTO generated.
4. **Attendance:** The letter sent out to parents re attendance and the reward system was discussed. Parent reps were happy with the reward systems we have in place and it was explained how the school is set a target we need to reach. It was asked if this target changed yearly (*To be checked with Mr H*).
5. **Homework:** The way homework is now set seemed to be working well for parents / children. Some issues have arisen when using the APP on tablets, as Spellodrome is not always accessible. I suggested re loading the APP as advised by Mathematics help team. On some occasions it has also asked for £2.99 - this does not need to be paid, it may just need Adobe Flash installing. (This is needed to run certain activities eg. Table Toons.) Concern was raised re the amount of time it was taking to achieve 1000 points on Spellodrome (*500 points was suggested as an interim amount until Mr L looks into it.*)
6. **Maths:** I explained the bar model approach to parents so they are aware what it is if children talk about it. We tried a few questions together to look at how the method supports worded problems. A possible workshop for parents in the future?
7. **Times tables:** This is now a focus for the school as the children will be nationally tested at the end of Year 4. The times-table record booklets were shared and Mr H's Timetable Challenge was mentioned as a success!
8. **Code of Conduct:** A draft copy of a 'Code of Conduct for Parents' was shared. The school has not previously had a Code of Conduct but due to a few isolated issues it was felt we needed one. No concerns were raised.
9. **Team points:** Parent reps were asked for ideas as to how we could use events to raise the competitiveness of teampoints (working as a team). Ideas included: Bake offs / Rounders matches / Reading challenge / Music festival / Business Enterprise. Some of these will be looked in to.

10. AOB:

- Parent Pay and school dinners - It was requested that the menus are set up ready for the beginning of each term so that block bookings can be made for the children. There have also been some requests for meal payments when parents thought they had paid. I will feed back to Matt in the kitchen.
- Hot meals for Nursery children was raised as it was felt it is a long day for the children to go without a meal. (*The logistics would need to be discussed with SLT and lunchtime supervisors as we would need extra adults.*)
- Use of aprons when carrying out art activities following on from shirts going home covered in paint. (I will feedback to Yr2!)
- Classes not all receiving enough milk. I advised individuals to follow this up with Cool Milk but I will also check with Rich Mace. Class teachers to be reminded about prompting children to have their milk.

Next date was set for Tuesday 5th December @ 1.30pm