

Parent Forum Meeting Notes 8:40am on Friday 22nd November.

Present- Mr Smith (Headteacher), Jen Phillips (Ash Rep-Year 2), Lianne Palmer (Oak and Elm), Marc Connor (Ash Rep-Year 1)

Apologies- Becky Tyler (Birch Rep)

(Reply to feedback from Mr Smith in Yellow)

Agenda Item

Homework Feedback

- Feedback from some Birch parents- - All who responded preferred the maths booklets rather than using online tools for homework, so they have been a huge hit. They do not feel the need for any more apps as they feel we have enough. They appreciate that providing paper homework means extra costs but if there was an option for this with the spag some would prefer this than Sumdog. Some find Sumdog for spag little confusing and also try to reduce screen time.
- Feedback from some Ash parents that they found the homework information booklet confusing and they didn't know there was a chart to fill in. Some preferred the work booklets to Sumdog and some preferred the Maths tasks but not SPAG tasks. There was a question of whether the tasks were set by teachers as some tasks were too hard for some children. They asked that maybe weekly homework could be set.
- Feedback from some Elm parents- They liked that they liked the apps in one play- Sumdog for maths and Spag rather than separate ones. They really liked the table at the back which motivated children to complete the homework. Some confusion from a few parents on what to do with red booklet for homework.
- Feedback from one parent about having paper copies rather than apps.

Homework

Thank you for the feedback on homework. As always, there are many differing opinions about homework and what each parent likes. We therefore try to support all family giving different options – electronic or paper copies/ children can do homework weekly or whenever they can over the term.

Information about what to do and by when was in the homework booklet which included information on the chart at the back of the reading record. To help, Mr Smith will create a video re-explaining details in the homework booklet and give more details about the common exception words.

I will look into SPAG work and Sumdog SPAG problems.

Communication- happy with what we are doing? Are there any potential new apps you are aware of us that could work or stream-line ways we communicate.

- Good – One app would be good
- Communication feedback was good but that Seesaw was hard to navigate sometimes to get the homework.

PS said it was tricky to get primary app with everything in one place and again parents seem to like different things. He had a demo on something called Marvellous Me.

Action: Parent reps to look at demo video and share to a few parents to get a consensus of whether this might be a good alternate to email, seesaw and text.

Information on how we teach/ children learn- What will parents find useful? We had homework (reading) booklet in Term 1. Do people prefer face-to-face meetings, online clips, an information booklet etc.

- No specific feedback on this but agreed that due to low number attending in school information events, that perhaps short videos on the website or seesaw would help.

Other feedback:

- Can we have a discussion on a better uniform provider? - (Yes I will look in to it)
- Thank you for sending xmas dates/events out early- was really helpful - (That's is great to know).
- Very happy with school and Mr Goldsworthy is a great addition- (Will give him the feedback).
- Can all classes be able to come out on time please- (will remind teachers about being prompt to finish).
- Rhino's booking system isn't great especially for multi children - (Please contact Rhino to complain).
- Parents loving the reading challenge- (Great to hear).

Meeting finished at 9:05am