Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday June 2023

Ms Brown welcomed the parents and thanked them for their time.

Reminder to parents about the code of conduct and expectations around our parent forum meetings.

Ms Brown asked parents to thank the parents for completing the parent/career questionnaire and to encourage those that had not done so, to try to complete the survey. She expressed that under the question, ‘What can we do to make our school a better place?’, she had received some very positive suggestions that the school would be looking to implement in the Autumn Term.

**Residential Trips** – Parents talked about recent letters of interest and the rising cost of residential trips, mainly due to the transport. Parents were grateful for the early notification and were mainly in favour of proceeding with the residential trips.

Suggestions made

* Possibly joining forces with other primary schools, to try and reduce the costs.
* Possibility of using the minibuses to closer residentials
* Parent’s car sharing for closer residentials
* Whole school trip in July next year. Parents felt Twin Lakes was too expensive. It was suggested the school consider possibly, Wickstead Park in Kettering, or West Lodge Farm in Kettering.

Ms Brown was asked how the school support families who cannot afford trips. Ms Brown said the school offer discount to families with more than one child and if necessary, the school also absorbed some of the cost. The school keeps records of who has been supported to ensure fairness.

Parents asked if the school have ever thought of asking parents to sponsor a child’s place on a trip. We felt that this was a good idea and would include this in any subsequent trips/residential letters.

PTA said that support for trips across the year groups was a possibility and would be fair.

One parent shared that there were two double decker bushes at Sharnbrook Academy, which could be used after the beginning and at the end of the school day.

**Class Lists for Sept 2023**

Ms Brown shared that the school was fully staffed for September.

**The curriculum in school – Maths and Phonics**

**Phonics**

Mrs Worrall briefly introduced the parents/carers to Little Wondle Phonics. There will be a detail introduction and training session for parents in the new academic year.

**Maths**

Mrs. Griffiths talked about the calculation policy and how it is the backbone of maths. Parents were introduced to the Concrete, pictorial and abstract.

Parents were made aware of the different practical resources that children use in lesson.

Mrs Griffiths will ensure the Calculation Policy is on the website for parents to refer to.

Parents were introduced to the varied fluency, problem solving and reasoning approaches that take place during Maths lessons.

Parents/Carers looked at the Calculation policy - KS1 & KS2 papers available for parents to look at during the meeting.

Children are competent in the Arithmetic paper; however, the problem solving and reasoning paper at Key Stage 1 and 2 can become a little tricky for children due to the way questions are phrased and the two or three stepped approaches required to solve each problem.

In the Autumn term, the school focuses on number, place value and calculations.

**Curriculum days**

The school would like to invite parent/carers in once every term to work alongside their children during a maths class so that parents/carers are made aware of how Maths is taught in school. We would like to do this for the core subjects initially and then branch out into the foundation subjects.

Thank you to all those parents who came along to share their thoughts and ideas.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Next meeting planned for the Autumn term, date to be agreed.