



Parent Forum – Friday 1st March 2019 – 9.00am

In attendance

Mrs Katie Turner – Headteacher (HT)

Mrs Mills – Parent (Year 1)

Mrs Payne – Parent (Year 1)

Mrs Kirby – Parent (Year R and Year 3)

1. School Communications

What is working well...

The forum discussed the different ways in which the school communicates to its parents. The overall feeling was that communications are good and each medium provides something a little different. For example; the Friends Facebook page is good for parents to communicate with other parents about up and coming events, quick reminders and coordination. The bi-weekly newsletter is being well received and it is good to know about what is going on in and around school. ParentComms is a well-established link between the parents and the office.

Even better if...

A Class Rep What's App group, led by the class rep. To share information about class related events; trips, fundraising etc. HT to investigate.

Homework: what is the whole school policy on marking/feeding back on homework? The forum agreed that it is useful to know how well their children have succeeded in their homework and to be rewarded for home working effort. (Action HT)



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In the absence of an external notice board, to post dates for your diaries on the window of the office. Longer term (after building is complete and we are back to normal) to look into buying an external notice board (HT/The Friends).

2. Sport

What is working well.

It was agreed that plans to raise the profile of sport and PE and to make more provision for a variety of different sport and PE opportunities was progressing. The school offers a number of sports after school clubs; it buys in specialist PE teaching provision and is taking part in more cluster and local school games events.

Even better if...

The school continues to look for more opportunities to expand the range of sport and PE for all children, including those in KS1. The school should also raise the profile of sporting provision on the school's website and in its newsletter. Other ideas including arranging "friendly's" with other local schools. HT to investigate and action.

3. Vision and Values Project

What is working well...

In response to the Church of England's new Vision for Education "Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good", Church of England's Schools are being asked to review their Christian Vision and Values. A start has been made on this project where the children and the staff team aided by governors have been considering from a selection of 12 values, which are the most important to us as a school community. Our next steps are to share the same selection of values with our parents and carers to ask them to consider what is at the heart of Chilton Foliat Primary School – what values we hold most dear and how they will help us continue with journey as we "strive to improve heart and mind".

Next steps



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Once the values have been agreed as a community, the school will incorporate them into a reflective visual representation of the school. This will be created in our special themed week, 15th to 19th July. All members of the school community will be invited to contribute. As the project unfolds, other opportunities to enable the children to “live out” the chosen values will be identified. Work has already started on selecting a range of charities which can be supported by house groups from a local community, regional, national and international perspective. The values will also underpin the school's curriculum development, its provision for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural engagement together with its inherent sense of British Values democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Finally the vision and values work that we will complete as a community will make an important and positive impact on the outcome of our next church school inspection which is due to take place next academic year.

Even better if...

As part of our vision and values review, we consider more deeply how we can improve our care and concern for our environment by setting up a more robust internal recycling scheme; introducing a gardening club; create bug houses and work towards upgrading our Eco Schools status.

4. Any other business

Celebration

The forum talked about how the school could better celebrate children's successes (whilst acknowledging the value of Celebration Assembly). Taking the model from one of our children who produced “Stag News” to help raise funds for the Community Club House, School Council could be charged with publishing a termly (x3) newsletter including examples of work which had been produced, celebrating effort as well as attainment. News about good behaviour and good deeds could also be shared. HT to investigate.

School meals

HT asked the forum's opinion on school meals. The response was very positive.

Timing of parent's forums



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It was suggested that a parent forum held after school would enable more parents to attend. HT to action for future.

HT thanked the members of the forum for their open and honest opinions.

Date of next Parent Forum

Tuesday 14th May at 3.30pm

Suggested Items for the agenda

- Learning about what and how your children learn at school
- Safeguarding
- School building/car park updates