



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Forum – Tuesday 17th May at 3.30pm

In attendance

Mrs Katie Turner – Headteacher (HT)

Mrs Fisher, Parent (Year R and Year 3)

Mrs Gilbert, Parent (Year R)

Mrs Gear, Parent (Year 2)

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1. What your children are learning – how do you know?

What is working well...

The forum discussed the many ways in which teachers and the school as a whole inform parents and carers about what their children are learning in school: from the Reception induction days and workshops in reading and writing, to the topic webs posted on individual class pages on the website. The forum appreciated the “open door” policy that the school operates, where parents can stop and chat to teachers at the end of the day, or easily make an appointment to see a teacher if the meeting needs to be longer. Celebration Assembly was also a good way to find out about what is going on in school and how learning across the curriculum is celebrated, although it was agreed that not all parents could attend on a Friday afternoon. The mid-year annual report has also proved very popular as parents are informed about their children's areas of learning, progress and targets half-way through the year instead of at the end.

Even better if...



- A page on the website sharing Frequently Asked Questions, (FAQ's) to provide our new parents, whether in Reception or across the school with a different range of information that would not necessarily be included in the welcome pack, based on a "What if..." principle.
- To signpost class pages more obviously on the website so that parents know there is a new topic web to look at and where to go to find it.
- To make sure that instructions for homework and feedback following homework are related to what has been learnt in school
- HT explained that for the beginning of the new academic year, each class would be running maths and English workshops to introduce parents the different teaching methods and the key learning goals for children in different year groups.

2. Safeguarding

What is working well...

HT explained a little about how the school implements its Safeguarding requirements through training, policies, implementation, recording and action planning. She stressed that as a school function, Safeguarding is paramount. The forum confirmed that they had no concerns over Safeguarding and always knew that their children were safe both in school and when out on trips. The forum also said that their children knew who they could talk to in the event of a concern and that their voice would be heard.

Even Better If...

The school maintains its robust and rigorous Safeguarding stance and always look for ways to improve.

3. Buildings and Car Park

What is working well...



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HT was able to confirm that following the grounds work for the new housing development, the size and layout of the car park is now as is. All agreed that the new configuration is bigger than before and the school is fortunate to have the facility available.

Even better if...

The Forum shared its concerns over the use of the car park by a few. They agreed that the message for how to use safely had been communicated in many previous newsletters but that it needs to be regularly reinforced. HT confirmed that a very clear set of rules would be included in the next newsletter and that her presence in the car park from time to time during drop off and pick up would be a good idea. A practical idea to help with a parking plan was suggested: railway sleepers in the middle, so that drivers would know how far to park up, leaving space behind for other vehicles to pass. HT to investigate.

Date of next meeting (TBA)

Items for the agenda

1. Lunches
2. Car Pooling
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