

Nanpean Community Primary School

Parents Forum meeting



Topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New Headteacher 2) Homework 3) Valentine's Disco 4) Flooding 5) Going Paperless 6) Speed limit and parking 7) Eschools 8) Wall outside KS2 entrance 9) Lunch and learn 	Attendance: Miss Morton (Acting Headteacher) + 4 parents	Date: 5/12/18 9:00am
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Notes of meeting	Action
Review of previous actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CW to address homework issue with class teacher – Teacher hadn't initially planned to set-up a homework folder. However, has now done so. Format of the homework has been changed as many of the children were finding it challenging. The class were following a separate spelling scheme in class time but are now sending home lists from the National Curriculum too. CW speak to the cook about grapes and cherry tomatoes – The cook has been informed and these items are now chopped. CW discuss 'meet the teacher' sessions with staff – This has been discussed with staff. The transition week in July was suggested as well as a possible 2.45pm open classroom. Details to follow. 	
1) New Headteacher Mr Nicholls has been at Nanpean for four handover days with Miss Morton. He has one more day planned before he starts in January. Mr Nicholls is very excited to get started here at Nanpean School and will be hosting his first Parents' Forum on Wednesday 9 th January.	
2) Homework A parent raised a concern earlier this term, with Miss Morton regarding classes having different expectations with holiday homework. Some classes set homework and others do not and these inconsistencies can be problematic when families have children in different classes in the school. Miss Morton raised this issue with teachers and it has been agreed that all classes will not set holiday homework. Only reading activities at home will be expected (3 x a week KS1 and 5 x a week KS2). A parent suggested that it would be a good idea to have more project-based homework whereby the children could creatively show what they have been learning. It was agreed that the summer holidays would be a good time for this.	CM to discuss with teachers about project homework over the summer.
3) Valentine's Disco The Valentine's Disco was very popular last year and many parents were keen for this event to be repeated. As the PTA is no longer an active group, we would need parent volunteers in order for this event to take place. Mr Nicholls will be looking for volunteers to attend the next Parent Forum in order for arrangements to be made. A parent suggested that this time the disco could start earlier. Also, a clearer ordering system will be needed rather than parents buying items and then having to wait to be reimbursed.	CM to find out what the budget for the next disco is.

<p>4) Flooding outside Drinnick classroom</p> <p>There is an ongoing issue with the pathway flooding outside of Drinnick classroom. This is being looked into. In the meantime, if heavy rain causes flooding of this footpath, children can enter school through the KS2 entrance instead.</p>	
<p>5) Going paperless</p> <p>It was explained that as a school, we are going paperless from January. All parents at the meeting agreed that this was a good idea. A parent asked if forms could be submitted electronically too?</p>	<p>CM to check with office staff if this is feasible.</p>
<p>6) Speeding and parking</p> <p>Parents are concerned that vehicles are still speeding past the school and parking on the yellow zigzag lines. Miss Morton explained that Mr P's new jacket is very similar to police colours and is therefore a deterrent. Also, at other schools, groups of children have checked for speeding cars with the community policeman. A parent explained that Mrs Wicks was going to look into parking permits for the school carpark to stop people parking there who shouldn't be. As well as this, concerns were raised about certain cars and taxis driving safely in the school carpark.</p>	<p>CM to investigate getting the community policeman to do speed checks with groups of children.</p>
<p>7) Eschools</p> <p>A parent asked when the school was going to start using Parent Pay. The parents feel that this will help the uptake of school dinners because it is easier than having to find cash to pay. Miss Morton explained that it would need a big enough uptake to justify the cost of running it. Another parent asked if it could be clearer about homework hand in days. It was explained that all this information should be on class pages. It was also suggested that we use Eschools for advertising the really important things such as flu vaccination reminders. Also, could Star of the Week and Lunchtime award be sent via an Eschools message rather than just the paper slip?</p>	<p>CM to liaise with the office about Parent Pay and Eschool messages home</p>
<p>8) Wall outside KS2 entrance</p> <p>There have been a couple of incidents whereby children have tripped by the wall. The caretaker has measured fencing for this area to be made safer. In the meantime, this area has been coned off to stop children waiting there before school.</p>	
<p>9) Lunch and Learn</p> <p>A parent asked whether it would be possible for parents to be invited into classes for an afternoon to see what their children are learning about and to do some work with them. The parents could even come in for a school dinner beforehand. Miss Morton explained that the school cook is already keen for parents to come into school to try school dinners.</p>	<p>CM to discuss with staff about parent and child learning afternoons.</p>
<p>Next meeting: Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 9.00am with Mr Nicholls</p>	