

Parent Forum

‘Working in partnership for the future of our children.’

The Parent Forum at St. George’s (VC) C of E Primary School was set up to ensure that parent voice is heard in decision making. Its role is to support the work of the school and aid it in future improvements.

We have recently held our second meeting where a parent represented each class in school. Please make sure you make yourself known to your class rep and they can tell you ways they will be able to communicate information to you. Each class is slightly different depending on the volunteer’s preference as they are the ones doing the communicating. However, you will also be sent a hard copy of the report from each meeting to ensure we are communicating information effectively.

Parent Forum Representatives:

Oak Class – Melissa Unsworth

Beech Class - Kerry O’Hara

Maple Class – Lucy Stafford

Cedar Class – Anna Watling

Willow Class – Helen deGeorgio

Hazel Class – Laura Finley

Sycamore Class – Hannah Riley



The second meeting continued to focus on the school’s priorities for this academic year which are driven from analysis of the previous academic year by the school, its governors and our school improvement advisor from the authority.

Overleaf is an abridged report of the meeting.

Our next meeting is being held on **Monday 3rd February 2020.** If you have any suggestions for supporting the school in these areas please ensure you talk to your class representative who can raise them at the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Parent Forum

Parent Forum Discussion –

Term 2 2019 Report

School Priorities for academic year 2019-20

1. Attendance

With our goal of improving our overall school attendance figures, we have been looking at different ways of promoting positive attendance and the school are working towards a Wellbeing Award. A Wellbeing Committee of children have been brought together in order to generate and promote ideas and this is being led by Mr Jones. At the start of term 3 each child will receive their attendance progress. We have found that something that often confuses parents is the 48 hour rule after sickness so we will be looking at clarifying this.

Action:

- **Mrs Rye will confirm the Attendance Policy in the newsletter and clarify the 48 hour rule.**

2. Academic results

There appears to be some confusion over the Purple Mash resource so to clarify, this is not homework. Homework should continue to focus on daily reading, phonics/spelling to support English teaching and times tables and Mathletics for Maths. Purple Mash is a tool for additional learning and can help consolidate teaching at school.

Action:

- **Parents can continue to support their child's development by completing the homework focus and then using Purple Mash to consolidate learning.**

3. Curriculum Development

We continue to make changes to our curriculum to ensure the learning on offer will engage our children and make the most of our school and the surrounding areas. We encourage parents and children to sign into Purple Mash, our new computing platform that allows the children access at home to complete tasks that may have come up in class and they want to explore further or do some research to support their homework areas.

Action:

- **Purple Mash information sessions set up in Term 3.**
- **Parents and children to sign onto Purple Mash and familiarise themselves with the tool.**

Further discussion:

1. Payment for school dinner money online. Caterlink, the school dinner provider will be able to take payment online from January 2020.
2. Idling after school. Mrs Rye will put something in the newsletter to encourage better parking and less idling.
3. The school are planning an Autism Awareness Session, more details to follow.
4. In order to improve our childcare and clubs offer, the school will provide a survey regarding wrap around care in January 2020.