

Parent Forum minutes 31.10.18

Theme – Online communication and parent’s perceptions of children’s behaviour

Feedback from last parent forum

Sports events and trips

Changes to locality sports mean less trips are taking place but events are therefore being practised in school before a competition.

Parents report that this is evident already as the year 5 and 6 had great gymnastics events with year 5 winning and going through to the next stage.

Changes to notification of events/trips for parents – parents to get at least two weeks’ notice.

This is now in place.

Swimming

We have managed to get free lessons from Freedom Leisure which will possibly enable year 5 and year 3 to go swimming this year. We are getting final details from Freedom Leisure and will then notify parents. Having year 5 also swimming will ensure all children get their 25m and some children can be taught lifesaving skills.

Parent’s perception of children’s behaviour

The parent’s questionnaire taken at the start of the summer term showed that some parents felt that bullying/poor behaviour was happening in school and that the school didn’t always respond to concerns that were raised.

Parents suggested that when a class teacher regularly saw a parent of a child that needed support with behaviour then other parents perceived the problem was being tackled. The parents of the child also felt supported and involved in the process of improving their child’s behaviour at school.

Some children have expressed that they have to be naughty and then well behaved on a Friday to get a River of Learning certificate, others are completely demotivated by the River of Learning as they feel they never get one.

100% attendance certificates raised as some parents feel they send the wrong message out re. attendance when you’re ill. They also do not ensure equality if a child has to attend hospital for a chronic condition.

School to:

Review the River of Learning certificates and how they are allocated

Discuss with class teachers the good model for communication with parents re. behaviour

Mrs Smiles to review practice in other schools re. attendance rewards

Online communication

PTA facebook site now closed to parent’s messages. To enable parents to chat about in school questions to other parents it would be good for each year to set up a year group page rather than class groups. However parents would need to ensure children/teachers aren’t named and private info like phone numbers isn’t shared without people’s permission.

There have been some comments by parents that have been defamatory about the school. These parents are often the parents that don't inform the school of problems and instead write about them on social media. Parents suggested this might be because it's tricky to speak to staff during the day and could a line of communication be set up e.g. an email route?

School to:

Suggest to parents in next newsletter that year group pages could be set up

Set up an email for parents so teachers can be contacted.