

Parents Forum – East Cowton CE School- 14th June 2016 (4pm)

HD (Mrs Dudman), CF (Chair), 3 parents

HD had produced presentation, which will be on the website.

Items covered:

(I) Explanation of formal external testing (beginning and end of foundation stage, year 1 phonics, year 2 and year 6 SATs)

(I I) School has identified an issue with spelling following the raised expectations under the new curriculum. School has purchased a new interactive spelling programme to ensure progress and fill any gaps. From year 2 children will start the programme as they are ready for it and then work with it throughout school and will deal with it in ability groups. HD will organise a parents' meeting to help parents understand how to help children at home with spelling.

(III) Class structures for next academic year. Questions raised about the use of the mobile classroom. Explained can be used for breakaway groups when particular concentration is required for any of the year groups although foundation stage will be primarily based in the school classroom for 'free flow' of play.

HD mentioning membership of the Swaledale Alliance and the support that provides to the school.

HD highlighting the new federation website and pointing parents to the "Parent Info" link which has some useful information particularly in relation to online safety. Comment from parents that web site much improved from previous one.

Discussion about cluster events to ensure that the children get the opportunity to mix with other children that they are likely to go to high school with and gain greater experience with other children. Explanation of how cluster events are organised.

Questions:

What's the position with academies at present?

ParentPay. ParentPay will be introduced hopefully from September.

Actions following last parent forum:

(I) Newsletter is now emailed out to those parents who requested that.

(II) Parent View - looked at results from last year.

Request for parents to encourage others to complete the parent view questionnaire.

Parents Forum - East Cowton CE School 14th June 2016 (6.30pm)

HD, CF (Chair), 1 parent

HD had produced presentation, which will be on the website.

Items covered:

(I) Explanation of formal external testing (beginning and end of foundation stage, year 1 phonics, year 2 and year 6 SATs)

(I I) School has identified an issue with spelling following the raised expectations under the new curriculum. School has purchased a new interactive spelling programme to ensure progress and fill any gaps. Some teacher led, some peer led, some independent. Support from home is important. It's an every day programme. Suspect have a spelling/reading parent meeting next term to identify for parents what support needs to be carried out at home.

(III) Class structures for next academic year. Year 2 most affected year group. Only 1 child signed up for nursery and really need about 12 to run cost effectively because cannot run at a loss. Mrs Rowley has looked at how to arrange the classroom to create a learning environment for the year 1 and 2 compared to the foundation stage. Focus will be on learning behaviour within that classroom. Mrs Rowley has plans to visit other schools who have a similar set up to ensure.

HD highlighting the new federation website and pointing parents to the "Parent Info" link which has some useful information particularly in relation to online safety.
Comment from parents that website vastly improved from 6 months ago.

Actions following last parent forum:

(I) Newsletter is now emailed out to those parents who requested them. Will re-circulate that in September so that people can re-select.

Actions from this meeting:

(I) As part of the explanation to new parents it would be helpful for school to provide information about the role of Governors/Friends/Parents Forum etc.

Parents Forum – at Kirkby Fleetham School - 13th June 2016

HD (Mrs Dudman), CF (Chair), RS (Parent Governor), 1 parent

HD had produced presentation, which will be on the website.

Items covered:

(I) Explanation of formal external testing (beginning and end of foundation stage, year 1 phonics, year 2 and year 6 SATs)

(I I) School has identified an issue with spelling following the raised expectations under the new curriculum. School has purchased a new interactive spelling programme to ensure progress and fill any gaps. This starts from year 2 and not relevant for the parents in attendance.

(III) Class structures for next academic year.

HD highlighting the new federation website and pointing parents to the "Parent Info" link which has some useful information particularly in relation to online safety.

Actions following last parent forum:

(I) Newsletter is now emailed out to those parents who requested that.

Actions from this meeting:

(I) As part of the explanation to new parents it would be helpful for school to provide information about the role of Governors/Friends/Parents Forum etc.