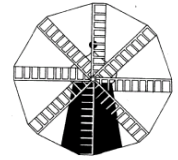


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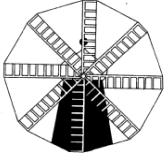
Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you following our first parent forum last week where we discussed the Ofsted report and, in particular, how we could engage parents further in the school to help drive school improvement. I thought it would be useful to feedback to all parents regarding the outcome of these meetings. Thank you to all those parents who attended; it was very helpful to listen to your concerns and ideas for moving forward.

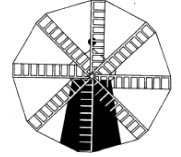
The main outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

- Earlier notification of dates would be helpful.
- Improve the website; most parents felt that it was not kept fully up to date; it could be easier to navigate and needs more helpful information on it.
- Look at as many ways of communication as possible – e.g. Parenthub, email, social media especially for those not on Parenthub.
- External whiteboards for key information.
- Information about how/when to see teachers.
- More information about what is being covered in class – maybe class Parenthub tweets and updates.
- Opportunities for parents to come into school – various times and lots of notice.
- More use of parent's skills in school – clubs etc.
- We could have one definitive day for communications.
- We need to be open and transparent so parents are fully aware of what is happening in school.
- More education around bullying – perhaps holding an anti-bullying week.
- Ensure that parents received feedback when concerns have been raised.
- Meet the teacher events – particularly at the start of the year in September.
- Parent information sessions linked to SATs and key areas of the curriculum (e.g. maths, phonics, reading).
- More regular updates on the curriculum including expectations and current topics.
- More information about assessments and progress against year group expectations.
- Share behaviour policy with parents (and reward policy etc.)
- Share School Development plan in parent friendly language.
- Use of Tapestry in Year 1 but also consider other options so parents feel that they are being kept informed.
- Encourage parents to share their events (e.g. fundraising, charity runs/walks) so school can support.
- Concerns about immersive learning going into the higher years.
- Deadlines for homework on the piece of work and/or reading record books.





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As you can see, there were quite a number of issues raised which we are going to look at as a staff over the coming weeks. I will keep you updated as we look at implementing the ideas and suggestions raised.

Yours sincerely,

J M Bentley

Mrs Bentley
Head Teacher

