

Friday, 15 February 2019

Dear parents and carers,

The new parents' forum have now had two very productive meetings – I would like to share a few things that we have managed to achieve together as well as reminding all parents of certain protocols.

The forum has been set up so that we can work together to further improve the education of our children as well as improving communication between the school and parents and also between parents and school.

Please can I remind all parents that individual children or parents should not be named or criticised. As well as that, this is not the place to complain about teachers. If you have a genuine concern about anything that one of my teachers does or doesn't do please make an appointment to see me – this is the only valid route for sorting your concerns out.



Thank you to all the parents and especially the representatives who have used the new system in the way it has been intended. So far, as a result of our meetings (as well as lots of follow up work by staff), we have streamlined the way we change reading books and send out spellings (see below). We have changed the way that we identify and support charities, we are revamping our use of the Class Dojo App and improved communication between the forum and the ALC PTFA to mention just a few (Information to follow in the near future).

#### Parents' evening:

We look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening next week – please do pop in and see me if you want to catch up about anything.

### Reading books and spellings:

Foundation Phase: (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Books will be swapped and sent home on a Friday as long as the previous book has been returned.

### Year 3 & 4:

In Y3 reading books will go home on a Friday and need to be returned by the following Friday. In Y4 reading books will go home on a Tuesday and need to be returned by the following Tuesday. (These days are set by staff availability).

Spelling lists for each week will be sent home on one sheet at the start of each half term and tests will take place on a Friday.

### Year 5 & 6:

Reading books are changed by the pupils once they have read them and completed their Accelerated Reader Quiz (ask at parents eve if you want more info).

Spellings are sent home on a Friday and tested the following week.

### Homework:

We will not send home weekly homework although optional tasks to support your child in English and Maths will be available via the school website.

Your children will be asked to complete 1 topic, research style project per term (3 per year). These will be designed to encourage families to go out together, visit places and complete research together.

### Daily Mile:

After half term KS2 children will now be taking part in their daily mile challenge in the afternoons, not at 8:45am.

Thank you for your continued support

Mike Weenink