

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

13/6/2017

Present: Sharon Lambert, Richard Irvine, Harry Hobbs, Katarzyna Jankowska, Jacqui Whiteman (DHT), Tracey Amos (HT), Gill May(Chair).

Apologies: Karen Lewington

Homework

It was raised that homework can differ greatly in amounts at times and that children can be overloaded or vice versa. The question was raised as to whether there could be some form of co-ordination to ensure a more even spread of homework. Ms Amos explained that by timetabling homework, staff may be forced to present homework when it wasn't of value to support their teaching and that they may miss opportunities that would benefit children and support their learning with consolidation or preparation tasks. She pointed out that reading is very much a valuable activity when the amount of homework given is low as the children need to reading at an age of 15.5 years in order to be able to read their GCSE papers. It was also highlighted, that the children can participate in the 'Renaissance reading' program, during school registration times or lunchtimes, for any books they read both at home and at school.

Computer science

It was explained to parents that at present there was no qualified computer science teacher at the school as the latest teacher had resigned. Therefore, this subject could not be offered to children as the school could not guarantee that they could successfully deliver the curriculum.

Items for the next meeting

What can the school do to maintain staff?

Phones – what can be done to ensure that children adhere to the rule of no phones in school; is that still the rule?

Meeting finished at 7.10

Next meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 6.00pm