Parents' Forum Minutes

Tuesday 18th June 2019

4 parents attended the meeting with Mrs Bridgman

Actions from last meeting:

- There will be changes to Wraparound and extra-curricular clubs from September 2019. Wraparound staff will be leading more of our after school clubs. This means that there will be a small charge for children staying for after school clubs (e.g. art/board games) and then a further small charge for children staying until 5pm for Wraparound. There will be a sibling discount available.

Staffing

- There will be no changes to EYFS and KS1 staffing in September 2019
- There will be a new teacher in KS2 – Mrs Rebecca Higgins. She will be supported by staff already working at the school: Mrs Tracy (part-time teacher) and Mrs Townsend (part-time Teaching Assistant).
- The KS2 timetable will be similar but with one teacher overseeing the planning
- We have taken lessons learned from other good/outstanding small schools and from OFSTED when planning our KS2 timetable for September.

Homework

- Please see attached draft Homework Policy for September 2019. This was discussed at the meeting.
- Based on research (vocabulary gap, cognitive science/recalling facts)
- Our aim is for it to be less complicated for parents and allows them to focus on skills which make a difference
- There will be optional open-ended activities and visits included but within curriculum letters
- One parent asked how long each year group will be expected to do homework. This will be clarified in the final policy and it will build up as children go through the school.
- One parent asked how long will be given to complete homework. Homework will be set and checked on the same day each week. Therefore, children will have one whole week to complete homework, allowing some flexibility at home.

Actions:

Mrs Bridgman to share draft homework policy with all parents for their feedback.

Mrs Bridgman to share information about approach to supporting children's behaviour at the next meeting.