

## **Lowick and Holy Island CE First Schools**

### **Minutes from the parents meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

The summary of the report of the school created by the School Improvement Partner (SIP) was shared. Copies are also being sent home to all families so that everyone can see how the school is doing (our strengths and our areas to improve).

Parents fed back that the objectives and targets that have been shared as a response to the previous meeting were useful for them to see what their child was doing. The curriculum overview that had been shared recently was also helpful.

Parents would like a 'traditional' parents evening this term where they have an agreed time slot and are able to speak with their child's form teacher. They would also like regular opportunities to see their children's books. It was suggested that this could possibly be after the Friday assembly once a month (say the first week of the month).

It was agreed that it would be good if the school could recruit volunteers to come in and listen to children read so that they have more opportunities to read with an adult. The volunteers would be positive role models for the children and encourage a love of reading. It was suggested that the school could make a link with the mobile library and we will investigate this further.

Some parents currently only write in their child's reading record if they have read a book from school. We would like you to record all reading that your child does, even if it is not a school book. That will help us in school understand your child's likes and interests when choosing what to read and we can tailor our work in school accordingly.

There was a short discussion around homework. No particular issues were raised with how the school currently does homework. The general feeling was that it was helpful to have a good amount of time to get homework done so that it could be split over more than one night (ideally a week). Parents are supportive of homework and the school agrees it needs to be a stress-free opportunity to reinforce or develop learning.

This led on to a reminder about Sumdog (a maths game website) which is proving popular with some of the children. Not all parents have yet to have a look at this at home. Others have downloaded the Sumdog app onto devices at home and children are enjoying playing the games and practicing their maths skills in a fun way.

Parents were interested to know if there was a way they could get more feedback (perhaps termly) on how their child is doing in swimming. The school will investigate if there are certificates or badges which would help with this.

Parents asked if the school could be a little clearer when sending letters home about school trips. We need to make sure that we always remember to include information about what to wear, what to bring, if a packed lunch is required and any other equipment that might be useful.

Governors fed back to the meeting that they are preparing a newsletter about their roles and responsibilities to go out to parents. This should be the first of a regular communication through the year.

Thank you to all parents for your support of the school. The next meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2.40 – 3.40pm.

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