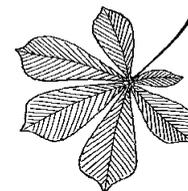


Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2019, 2.00pm



Kings Nympton Primary School

AGENDA

Vicki Fenemore, Chris Williams, Suzanne Hazelden, Robin Harper (Gov) Sammy Steer-Fowler, Molly Pincombe, Florence Millman.

| | ITEM | SUB ITEM | TIME | LEADER | COMMENTS | INFORMATION SUPPLIED FOR THE MEETING |
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| PROCEDURAL ITEMS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Apologies for absence | | | VF | None | |
| 2 | Questions Submitted - | | | VF | <p>1. This year we have decided to open up the Winkleigh London residential to Kings Nympton pupils. It is an exciting opportunity for them to broaden their horizons. The reason that we incorporate a visit to Harry Potter is that the Year 5 & 6 children study a Harry Potter teaching sequence as part of the curriculum and a visit here coincides nicely with their learning. The London trip incorporates a variety of different experiences for children. Parents agreed that a fun aspect to residential trips is equally important to the educational value and that it was a great opportunity for socialising with other pupils as well.</p> | <p>1. For the year 5&6 residential, what are the educational benefits of taking the children to 'Harry Potter Studios' when there are so many other free institutions that would promote 'britishness' and be more educational? Like the V&A, The Natural History Museum, The Science Museum. Some of the children have no interest in Harry Potter.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>2. Rok Zone – The ROK Zone has and is used for various reasons throughout the year. At the end of term we received a very large order of resources and we had to use the room for storage until it could be sorted. The ROK Zone will now be used as multiple function room facilitating staff meetings, other professional visits, parent/family meetings and School Nurse visits. These now happen on a regular basis and we need a room to be available. The staff room is not always available or an adequate space. The other reason is that under the new Ofsted/Curriculum framework it is good practice for all children to be taught by a qualified teacher. TA's & HLTA's are used in the classroom to support this learning.</p> <p>3. PRE School Gate – The main gate is there so unknown visitors can be vetted before entry. Without this we would fail an OFSTED inspection. The fence will soon also be made higher. The security across the school & pre school is needed to meet with OFSTED requirements</p> | <p>2. Why, last term, was the ROK Zone closed at such short notice and with no communication to parents and children. For the last couple of weeks at school, children were discombobulated and confused, could it have waited until the summer holidays and been more effectively communicated to parents & children alike.</p> <p>3. Why does pre-school have a prison gate when the fence is low enough for a child to climb over?</p> |
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and to offer Safeguarding to those children/families that need it along with protection of the whole school. The visitors to the school become more and more frequent and the safeguarding issues we are up against in school also continue to rise. All of our staff need to work with the assumption that 'it could happen here' this is in line with current safe guarding policy.

4. Class 2 children have no issues with be able to enter the school building. They are able to use the toilet freely and Suzanne in the office opens the door for them whenever this is needed. On the rare occasions Suzanne is not here then a TA will open the door, then the child is free to go and return by themselves. Due to the age of the children in Class 2 they are also encouraged to use the toilet during break and lunch time. Playtimes are supervised and adults are fully aware and vigilant of the children in the playground. The upper gate security has also been looked at. The point of the security is about people not being able to enter the

4. Why can't children in Class 2 be allowed the freedom to use the toilet without having to take a TA to open doors. Surely that is an erosion of liberty? Especially when children could walk out of school during playtimes and lunchtimes.

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| | | | | <p>school building. We have a duty of care to safeguard the children whilst in school.</p> <p>5. Team games have not been taken off the curriculum. They continue throughout the year as part of the curriculum. We have had to reduce the PE sessions each week this is to ensure we are able to fit in the whole of the curriculum. Team games are still played in PE sessions. We have Saints South West in once a week for all the children and they also run a sports club for all the children during a Thursday lunch time. We have recently been to a Two Moors Rugby Tournament at Morchard Bishop. For all after school clubs we rely on the skills & commitment of staff or volunteers to run these. We hope to be starting a Netball Club in the new year. If there are any parents out there that would like to offer after school sports clubs please see Suzanne.</p> | <p>5. Why have team games been taken off the curriculum. Over the past year there have been no sport fixtures and rarely any team games played in PE. Team games are vital for children to learn to work together.</p> |
| | Date of next meeting | Wednesday 11 th March 2020 | | ALL | TBA |

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