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Spring Term 2 - Parent Forum

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 28th February 2019, we held our latest 'Parent Forum' of this academic year in the staff room at 08:45am.

The Prince of Wales School Parent Forum is a half-termly opportunity to meet Headteacher Mr. Spracklen and other members of the Senior Leadership Team. It provides an informal platform to share concerns, discuss ideas and ask questions. All members of our community are welcome.

See below for meeting notes and actions following our most recent meeting-

Notes and Actions -

GSp = Gary Spracklen (Headteacher) JTr - Jules Troughton - Senior Finance and HR Officer

<p>1.0 - Welcome</p> <p>GSp opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Great to see so many people present.</p> <p>Question - Why had the Small Roundhouse been demolished?</p>	<p>Answer - GSp explained that the demolition was part of a planned scheme of work to upgrade the external grounds.</p> <p>Both the Viking Longhouse and Small Roundhouse has been demolished due to safety concerns and a desire to build a new large roundhouse in due course.</p>
<p>2.0 - Impact</p> <p>GSp shared impact of recent changes.</p> <p>EYFS - GSp discussed changes made and rationale behind these changes. Previous data (Pre-September 2017) showed three year declining, school is now showing two year positive trend - reflecting the hard work of a very dedicated team.</p> <p>Phonics - Whole school is now embracing Read, Write Inc. Phonics. The programme has been built upon this year by introducing it into Pre-School as well. Data has improved greatly!</p> <p>Accelerated Reader - Big push recently. 100% Year 2, 3 and 4 children now engaged in the programme. Average of 15 books per child being read since beginning of October. Reward charts are now</p>	<p>Query - Some books are now on AR, does this now give an unfair few of how much a child is or isn't reading? Answer - An AR Quiz does not measure your child's progress in reading, this is done using a STAR Reading test which all children in Year 2, 3 and 4 take every</p>

<p>displayed in Year 2, 3 and 4 - Year 1 to follow soon. NRSS score is increasing (see slideshow).</p> <p>Literacy progress meetings now take place every half-term with a core team.</p> <p>Work of Dorset Reading Partners is highly effective.</p>	<p>half-term. Between these tests, children are welcome to pick which content they choose.</p> <p>GSp also explained good development in reading is not just about AR. We've had a big push on whole class texts recently and it's very important that our children are reading for pleasure.</p>
<p>3.0 What is next?</p> <p>GSp discussed what is coming next at The Prince of Wales School.</p> <p>GSp reminded parents/carers of our mantra -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Increased Expectation + Increased Challenge = Increased Enjoyment</p> <p>GSp explained that we have a new SEP (Mike Randell) to challenge us. GSp explained the SEP process and how it helps us to improve.</p> <p>Maths Mastery - GSp explained how the school are making changes to respond to the Ofsted feedback.</p> <p>More Able and Talented - GSp discussed the importance of stretching all children in all subject, not just the core area of English and Maths.</p> <p>Girls - GSp shared how girls have underperformed historically at The Prince of Wales School. GSp said that the school was looking at provision for girls.</p>	<p>Query - Concern raised that teachers will become tired. Response - GSp explained we are constantly seeking to be smarter in how we work and that we had actively worked with teachers in reducing workload in areas such as marking and feedback.</p> <p>GSp reassured that staff are very happy to see children making such big improvements. This is a big driver in our success.</p> <p>Suggestion - The Shire Hall Museum apparently has a strong selection of book with strong female role-models.</p>
<p>4.0 - AOB</p> <p>Book People Bus -</p> <p>Middle School -</p> <p>Netball -</p>	<p>Feedback - There was positive feedback about the bus. People liked the simplicity of it.</p> <p>Query - Concern raised about the gap between First School and Middle School. Response - GSp explained that we are seeking stronger links with Dorchester Middle School.</p> <p>Netball Club - Starting in the Summer Term.</p>
<p>Next meeting - Wednesday 24th April 2019</p>	

Future dates -

- 2018/2019 Dates -

Summer Term One - Wednesday 24th April 2019

Summer Term Two - Monday 3rd June 2019

All sessions will run from 08:45am-10:00am in the staff room and training centre.

All member of our community are welcome.

Please feel free to catch me any time outside of these meetings. I am usually standing at the front of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like a more confidential chat, the school office holds my diary and can book an appointment for you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Spracklen'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr. Gary Spracklen - Headteacher