

Stedham Primary School

Parents' Forum

4 December 2017

Twice a year the school community is invited to meet together to talk about how we can strengthen our school.

At today's meeting, three families were represented and a fourth family had sent a written comment as they could not attend. The school staff were represented by Mrs Dreckmann, Mr Noble, Mr Cella and Mrs Dinnis-Searle and the Governing Body was represented by Neil Ryder.

We keep a record of what we talked about: if you have any comments or suggestions please let us know, or come along to the next Forum session.

Topic discussed	Questions put forward and what we are going to do...
<i>Homework</i>	<p>The main focus of the forum today was homework. The school was keen to gauge the views of parents following a revision of the homework policy back in September.</p> <p>All parents who attended the forum today were happy with homework as it now is, with the removal of worksheets and projects. Everyone agreed that they would much rather focus on the basics of reading, maths facts/times tables and phonics/spellings.</p> <p>There was a discussion about reading to/with children and teachers present re-iterated that parents do not need to write reams in the link books. It is more important we know reading has taken place so a date and a short comment such as 'read' or 'heard X read' will be enough. If parents wish to write more, that is appreciated but we understand everyone is busy.</p> <p>It was agreed that in Upper Key Stage 2 in particular, it is more about overseeing your child's reading rather than hearing them read (unless they want to read to you!) This overview is to ensure they are reading and also that they are reading a wide range of texts that will stretch and challenge them.</p> <p>There was discussion around extra work for those that want to do it. Projects were discussed but the parents present felt that this was not something they would welcome as inevitably the children needed extensive adult support (and some parents felt that the only way it would be completed would be if they did it!) It was agreed that parents could always go online and find SATs practice questions (or buy materials available). Parents were also reminded that each child in Year 1 upwards has home access to Education City – an online learning platform. Mrs Dreckmann agreed to re-issue log ins for anyone who has lost or forgotten theirs.</p> <p>Action SD</p> <p>It was also requested that perhaps children could sometimes do some reading in Breakfast or After School Club. Mrs Dreckmann agreed to pass this to BASC staff and if teachers are passing through and have time to stop and do this, they will too.</p> <p>Action SD</p>
<i>Could we do more across school reading?</i>	Yes, this is something we can discuss as a staff and try implementing in a more formal way – we currently do some but it is a little ad hoc.

Next Parents' Forum: 21st June 2018