

Parent Consultations – Autumn Term 2015

We have recently changed our homework procedures in response to feedback from parents in our annual questionnaires. We would appreciate you taking the time to consider the questions below in order to help us to continue reflecting.

Regards

Mrs Burton, Mrs Farmer and the Governing Body.

	YEAR 1 and 2 PARENTS	40 answered
<p>Homework books have been introduced in year 1 and 2 in order to ensure a whole school approach to homework and to aid the children in having pride in their achievements. In your opinion has the introduction of the books been a positive move? Please expand.</p>		<p>1 said they were confused about if they have to show teacher the books or not</p> <p>39 said yes – egs of comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovely idea, gives us enough time to complete HW. • My child loves looking back in the books and has pride in his work. • The books are great, we can look back on the teachers responses and remember what has been covered. • Some HW could do with more explanation, is it differentiated? • Very positive • Helpful that it is maths or English and we have a week to complete thank you • Great structure • Very positive, organised and focused • The HW books are positive and inform parents where their children are and how to help them progress. • It is a good way to help us liaise with school without having to come in • A great structure and good to look back and see progress • Very positive and shows parents what is being completed in class • Previously children would not have embraced homework • Good preparation for the juniors
<p>Have you found that you are provided with enough information through curriculum meetings, parent workshops and examples in homework books to enable you to support your child with their homework?</p>		<p>37 said Yes</p> <p>Examples of comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops were fab • There is ample information available • Info evenings and workshops always really useful • Packs of information from workshops were useful for those not able to attend • Happy with the communication • As I am not always able to attend meetings sheets home would be useful • Teaching staff are always very approachable if any further information is required • Good regards to teaching methods and strategies <p>3 made constructive comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more explanation within HW books about the activities • A little more information would help on new concepts, ie noun phrases

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A continuation of ring words into year 1 would be helpful as my child seems to now struggle to remember the old ones
Do you have any further feedback you would like to provide regarding homework?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the children get chance to look at HW with the teacher? • I think it is just perfect • Extension tasks • The amount yr 2 get is just right • HW that can be done independently is better as a greater sense of achievement • Would be good to know how much the children have covered on a subject so we know how much we need to teach them • My child has been really engaged • Workshops which provide parents with further information on maths strategies used in school, ie use of number lines • Parent and child both enjoying and it is good that it alternates between maths and English • Just enough to get into the habit of doing homework • High frequency words to appear in homework books • More spelling homework

RECEPTION PARENTS

<p>We hope you are finding the home / school logs useful. After feedback from parents last year, we are aiming to provide a variety of interesting activities to support learning within them. This will involve some activities for the whole class and some more specific to individuals. Please provide your thoughts on your family's experiences of the home /school logs, word rings and reading book homework so far this year.</p>	<p>12 returned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to get feedback in Home school logs • More words could be added to word rings • My child loves the independence of her HW and has developed a real can do attitude to work at school and home. • We love the log books and the word rings • My child is loving the word rings and is enjoying her learning • HW is just right for her age • The school log is a great tool for communication between home and school • Would like more detail in the school log so I can help more at home • Word rings are great • Reading books are an appropriate level • I don't find the yellow book particularly useful – I sign my name but rarely add other comments • I find the home / school log really useful for communicating any issues. • My child prefers quick homework, ie not the collage activity
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The curriculum evening was really useful• Not sure how often ring words are checked in school.
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