



Parent Forum

Tuesday 4th July 2017



Leading the meeting...

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Agenda

In this meeting we are covering the following topics...



- School Development Plan 2017 – 2018
- Pupil numbers & school funding
- Impact of Read Write Inc phonics
- Why we delay the release of class teachers for KS2 (Sept 17)
- Adjustments to sports day 2018



OFSTED Inspection

- We cannot provide any information to parents regarding the outcome of the inspection until it is published by OFSTED
- Report due in three weeks time. Hopefully before the summer holidays but could be in September.
- Every piece of evidence recorded by the inspection team needs to be double checked and triple checked before being shared.
- Same for every single school.
- The official message (told to us by the inspection team) is “We cannot discuss outcomes until the report is published!”
- The inspection process was fair but rigorous

Parent Comments:

- The whistle being blown early on the playgrounds caused some panic. Please could we have notification if this happens in future.



School Development Plan



- **A number of things already included in the school development plan**
 - **Improve reading comprehension & reading skills in KS2**
 - **Continue to improve phonics in KS1 and EYFS**
 - **More opportunities for writing and maths in foundation subjects**
 - **Problem solving in maths**
 - **Vocabulary and language across the whole school**
- **Parent Comments: None**



Pupil Numbers and school funding

- Next year the proposed numbers for Reception class are again low...
- The following year is even lower.
- Governors & School are developing a report to take to local authority about the impact of low numbers (especially since the school was converted to 3-form entry due to an increase in expected numbers).
- The school has to have a teacher per class and in KS1 and EYFS the classes cannot exceed 30 pupils. Having 66 children in a year group is expensive and means that children will arrive to fill up the class mid year which is not ideal.
- **Parent Comments: None**



Impact of Read Write Inc

- Read Write Inc is now embedded across Reception, Years 1 and 2.
- This year, we have seen an increase of 22% in the number of children passing their Phonics Screening Check.
- Next academic year, there will be more parent sessions around Read Write Inc.
- **Parent Comments: None**



Finding out classes for 2017

- Historically, this has always been delayed until later on the term. This is because in previous years there was always a high turnover of staff, meaning that vacancies needed to be filled before class teachers assigned to individual classes.

Rec & KS1 were informed earlier than normal this year because:

- (a) This was identified in our transition policy, to aid a smoother transition
- (b) We had secured teaching staff for all of the Reception and KS1 classes.

In future, this information will be shared earlier if teaching arrangements have been agreed in early June.

Parent Comments: None



Proposed adjustments to Sports Day 2017

- Year 1,2,3 together on the field in the afternoon
- Year 4,5,6 competing at Northgate in the morning (when booking we will choose a date where their sports hall will be available in the event of a downpour).
- Year 3 pupils would have benefitted more being on the school field and taking one less year group to Northgate would have made it easy to fit the events in without it feeling too 'rushed'.
- Reception Sports days separate and run similar to the Nursery Sports day. Increase in the number of races that the children take part in.

Parent Comments:

- It is very difficult to see children participating in the field events at Northgate.

Other Issues raised:

Parking

- People are parking on drop curbs and this is making it very difficult for pushchairs to cross the road.
- Traffic wardens are not standing in the right places.
- Crossing the road outside school is dangerous.
- Too many people are driving to school

Clubs

- Please could you increase the amount of sports clubs for KS1.
- Please could more detail be given about where children should go for clubs and at what time.

Swimming

- Could years 3 and 4 go to Crown Pools for their swimming lessons because they are knocking their knees on the floor of the swimming pool?

Events

- Please could parents be informed if teachers are going to talk to them about potentially upsetting current events, such as the local stabbing or terrorist attacks, so that parents can also prepare what they are going to say to their children.