Parents’ Forum 22/3/19

**The aim of a parent forum is to:**

* **Discuss whole school issues (not individual).**
* **Give parents an opportunity to express their views and ideas.**
* **Give parents an opportunity to make suggestions for school improvement.**
* **Allow the school to discuss development and new initiatives we are working on.**

Points from meeting in Spring Term

1. Spelling – changes that we are making to this across school – Discussed some of the different ways in which we are trailing how we use, learn, practice spellings across school. Some classes looking at word patterns, some learning words and writing sentences, some finding new words to fit patterns, some still practicing 10 new words. Once the school has looked at the different ways we are trailing we will let all parents know what each class will be doing.
2. Parents Questionnaire – feedback – discussed and looked at comments from parents – discussed quality of school dinners and puddings – school explained changes that we have made – more fruit, less sugary options. Quality of food looked at daily and any issues fed straight back to catering.
3. Curriculum - how we are organising our curriculum – ideas that you would like us to look at. School explained how we are redeveloping our curriculum and rolling programme, how we are linking ideas and subjects/topics together – a new curriculum document is be produced and will be available in the summer term.
4. Trips/visits – discussed – school explained costs are expensive – especially coaches – add a lot to a trip. We do try to get every year group out at least once a year – FOTSMS do support us with this – subsidies trips to make them affordable.
5. What can you do to support us moving forward? Discussed marketing – looking at creating a promotional flyer for school that can be used to promote the school and encourage prospective parents to the school. School to develop and get available for the summer term.
6. Are there any changes you would like to see? For the summer term and moving in to next academic year. Suggestions included – names fro classes rather than numbers – can confuse sometimes. Late bus – can Mrs Rich be contactable? Slope on North Park road – make more attractive – clean up – planting/weeding etc.