

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School

Minutes of Parent Forum

Held at Cuddington & Dinton CofE School, Dinton Site

On 4th February 2022

Present: Kim Price (Chair), Lisa Traynor (Y6), Ali Hadley (Y5), Ruth Redding (Y3), Becky Swain (Y2), Poppy Smith (Y1), Karen Gwynne (R).
Apologies from Clare Cuckow (Y4)

The parent forum reps make a decision on whether they take the topics raised to the agenda for discussion. The topics should be related to the school in general, and anything relating to specific classes should be raised by the parent directly with the teacher (the parent rep will let you know if this is the case).

Item	Topic	Minute
1	Positive Comments and Thanks	Mrs Price commented that it is lovely to read all the positive parent feedback.
2	COVID-19 Notifications	As well as class notification emails, Morning Owls and Night Owls parents are notified if a child comes into contact with another child who has tested positive. It is the responsibility of the parent to make the choice if they want the child to attend Morning or Night Owls.
3	Sports Provision	The school has been asking sports companies, colleges, sixth forms etc. to see if they can find a sports provision. It is very hard to find someone for this role.
4	MyMaths	The MyMaths homework will be available from the Friday.
5	Reading and Phonics Books	<p>The school is currently purchasing more Bug Club books. There are a lot of supplementary books which the school have linked by matching them to the phonics scheme. There are around 30-40 that match each level.</p> <p>The parents that came to the reading workshop were told that the children can read anything they have at home, and there are many activities on the Bug Club website. Government rules are that schools are only permitted to give children specific phonics books; there are around 10 schemes from which to choose and Bug Club is one of these. The scheme is working and improvements are already evident.</p> <p>Parents and staff are listening to children reading. The teachers listen to the children reading daily; this may be texts for class reading, group reading etc. and not always their individual reading books.</p>
6	Parents' Evening	The next parents' evening will be the last online. Face-to-face meetings to commence following this.

7	Playtime	Children get spoken to about playtime behaviour daily by Miss Holdford, with Mrs Price brought in if needed. If a parent is concerned about what has happened in the playground, a good question to ask the child is, "What did the teacher do about it?".
8	One-Way System at Infants	A one-way system is to be implemented at infant site pick-up.
9	Named Lost Property	All lost property is put in a box which children can look in, and named items are handed back to children on a regular basis. The class WhatsApp is a great tool to ask if anyone has inadvertently taken something home.
10	School Calendar	The calendar is not currently working and Mrs Price is trying to get this rectified / replaced with a different system. For now, the school newsletter is the best way to get dates. Term dates are on the website and 2022-23 term dates will be on there next week.
11	School Meals	The lunchtime supervisors have commented that quality of the meals is much improved. If there are children repeatedly not eating their dinners, then the school will talk to the parents.
12	Spellings	The change of the spellings structure is based around the focus that children need to use spellings correctly in their writing. Some children feel the pressure to get them right in the weekly tests and then forget them for writing and there is a disconnect in the spelling test and writing. The children are learning all the words daily through different activities. Also, all the lockdown activities are still online so if anyone wants more to do at home, they can find activities there.
13	Meeting Close	The next meeting date is TBA.