

Parent Forum

11/3/10

Children's enjoyment of school

It was felt that the children of the parents attending the forum generally enjoyed school and that key factors leading to enjoyment were: friendship, feeling safe, enjoying learning and the child's relationship with the teacher.

It was suggested that the children enjoy smaller group work where they have more chance to participate. They also enjoy taking part in activities which provide them with different experiences. Examples given were: SETPOINT workshops, practical lessons (e.g. making switches, making containers), the recent times table challenge, fundraising for Haiti, swimming trials and lunchtime clubs.

It was felt that changing classes each year proves to be beneficial in helping the children to make new friends. An idea for development of this system was to reassess the group of 15 each year.

Suggested areas for development included reviewing the reading record system to ensure children are motivated to change their books and take them home each day with their reading diary.

JL and KB to discuss ideas with leadership team.

Behaviour systems in school

The systems used were discussed as not everyone was aware of the details of their operation. It was felt that it would be useful for information about the systems to be available to all parents/carers.

It was felt that it would be worth reminding the children about exactly which 'behaviours' would lead to them receiving a 'side of a triangle' or a 'good choice' card and that the system should be consistent between all staff.

Achievement assemblies were considered effective with suggestions for future development including: displaying the work the certificates were awarded for, having two year groups together in the assembly enabling more time for this.

A further suggestion included having a class assembly where the children could showcase their work and the things they are good at.

JL and KB to create summary sheet of behaviour systems and discuss standard approach with staff.

JL and KB to discuss alternative formats for achievement assemblies with staff and children

Suggestions for future development

- Promoting teamwork through establishment of a house point system

- Give passwords for websites etc needed for homework directly to the parent rather than the child
- Investigating different ways of issuing letters e.g. on website only, e-mail, only giving one letter to families with more than one child in the school.
- Giving more information to parents about SEAL group work