

Crowcombe and Stogumber Cof E primary Schools

Parent Forum

Church House, Crowcombe

6th November 2023

Attendees:

Mrs Kate Lewis – Head teacher

Mrs Janis Dean – Chair of Governors

Ms Kate McCrimmon – Finance Officer / Secretary for meeting

Parents – 11 (from across most year groups)

Mrs Lewis (KL) welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for giving up their time to attend today's forum.

- KL informed parents that eLim were in the process of recording Parent On-line Safety videos that she would share with parents at defined drop in sessions once available.
- Copies of Anti-Bullying Policy shared with parents. KL asked them for feedback. KL reminded parents; policy is available on website but for ease of reference paper copy given today.
- KL gave background to writing of policy. Y5/6 children helped to write it and shared it with younger members of the school.

- KL gave parents hand out from Corum Life Education relating to our PSHE curriculum. Discussion on how this information could be shared with parents.
 - Share more?
 - Share from children?
 - Useful to send home?
 - Bite size sections?
- Parent consensus was that this document was too large to fully digest. Small bite size weekly items would be of more use and be beneficial in talking with the children as to what they were learning that week.

- KL - school investing in the "No Outsiders" programme, to help widen the children's knowledge of different people, genders, cultures etc. KL requested parents to look at this and feedback.

- Parents agreed that due to our rural location, children do not naturally come in to contact with many different cultures etc. and that this program is a good idea.

- Again, when shared, bite size items rather than larger topics.

- Parent suggested something along the lines of previous headteacher – thought/topic of the week in newsletter? It could relate to this? Help as a discussion point at home.

- House points – do they get them? KL - not yet, we are still embedding the House System, but this will come in time.
- Active Movement – starting a new programme to encourage movement breaks throughout the day by awarding “Stations” on the West Somerset Line to children. Parents fully in agreement with this initiative and fully support it, “great idea!”.
- KL – any other comments? Is our approach to bullying acceptable, any improvement we can make?
 - All parents supportive of current approach and no changes they can think of. One parent said that any issues they or their child has had were dealt with quickly and effectively.
 - How is secondary school informed of any issues etc? KL explained transition process and meeting / document transfer to next school.
- Any other questions?
 - PE After School Clubs – any progress in finding new provider?
 - Not as yet. All avenues we have tried have not been successful. KL informed of two other providers this week; contact has been made awaiting response.
 - KL asked parents to forward any idea or contacts they have to resolve this.
 - What is happening to Mr Flynn’s English/PE responsibilities?
 - KL will take on English for rest of academic year. PE is still under discussion.
 - Do we just cover Christianity in lessons?
 - KL – no we cover many and varied religions, but at different points in the child’s years in school. Website has info on when each area is taught and when. KL reminded parents to look at this resource.
 - KL asked parents if there was anything in particular that parents would like to cover in the next forum?
 - Parents agreed that they “trust KL” to spot any issues and bring to the forum for discussion.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Dean thanked parents for their input and attendance.

Meeting closed.