Parent Partnership Meeting 20.2.19

Mr Doherty welcomed everyone and asked if there were any issues people would like to bring up tonight. They were then listed on the WB.

Homework

Uniform

World Book Day 1 & 2

Easter Holidays

Homework –

The amount of homework was a concern both in KS1 and KS2, apart from Year 6.

Issues –

* Amount of time to complete tasks.
* How do we know how to teach spellings in the spellings book?
* Why don’t some classes feedback the scores from the spelling tests, so they know how their child do?

It was said if children didn’t score at their usual level teachers may talk to parents if concerned but work throughout the week reinforces spellings. We also have intervention to support children that struggle.

* There is no time to fill in Shared Reading Record due to amount of homework generally.

It was explained that this task is to encourage children to share books with adults. There is no expectation to change book every day or to write in the yellow book every time either.

* Why do we have set days for homework to be in?

It was explained this was to spread the homework out to help with managing it.

We discussed factors of why the Homework Grid was set out as such - feedback from parents ,previously, wanted a less formal way of doing homework, that it was seen by the staff as a way of extending our topic work and sharing it with our parents.

Parents asked for greater clarity as to the objective of the homework on the grids and how many pieces were expected each half term.

Does homework get marked?

Parents were informed that one day a week, teacher’s choice around timetabling, the children display their work and the class and teachers take time to share it and discuss how they did it. It is not always marked as the children don’t like the work been written on as it spoils their work/picture. Verbal Feedback is given to the children about their work.

Noted we needed to add a note/email to clarify the number of pieces expected.

Discussion will take place about the kinds of activities that would be added to Grid.

Uniform

Could the rule, in the Junior department, where the girls are only allowed to wear Summer uniform during the Summer term. Could it be extended to Autumn 1 and Spring 2 or if possible, to whenever the girls felt it was too hot to wear the winter uniform.

MD – said he would have a discussion with SP.

World Book Day

Worries about their being too many events all at once in a short period of time.

Clarity was given, ideas suggested to how they can dress up without an over load of work for parents.

It was confirmed there will be a WBD, Maths Day, Red Nose Day and Easter Parade.

MD – said an email or letter would come out with dates to allow for preparation for costumes.

EASTER Holidays

Request was put in for the holiday to include one or two of the bank holidays otherwise it impacts on family holidays.

MD explained that the holidays had been carefully considered for some time in order to coincide with other schools locally. Many parents agreed this was an advantage with having siblings at high school as well as UPS.