



Headteacher Forum Meeting Minutes

Thursday 28th November 2019

Parents were concerned that pupils in Year 6 were very excited about the residential in July 2020 and felt they should have been shown the promotional video first as parents rather than the pupils watching it at school. Mrs Walters explained that there was a link on the letter given to parents so that they could access the site a few weeks ago. It was agreed that a meeting would be held for parents so that the school can share more information around the trip and that time would be provided for parents to ask questions.

Parents queried the costing of the trip-Mrs Walters explained that there is a significant difference of costings compared to the previous year, however this was due to the fact that pupils and staff stayed in tents rather than lodges. Mrs Walters explained that the tent experience was quite difficult for staff and children due to the weather and resulted in the entire school party being moved to the mansion hall due to excessive rain and the cold. Mrs Walters also explained that the costings include 3 full days of activities beginning at approximately 9:30am on the Wednesday and ending in the afternoon on Friday led by experienced, skilled, certified instructors. Mrs Walters also explained that the centre is able to accommodate our dietary requirements.

Homework:

Parents asked if there could be additional support for children who find their homework challenging. Mrs Walters asked if they thought that a homework lunchtime club would be a good idea. Parents agreed to this and as a result, Mrs Walters will organise for a homework support club to run once a week after Christmas for Yr 6 pupils in particular. Parents also asked the school if they would reinstate My Maths as they found the platform effective- Mrs Walters said that this would be considered.

Lunches:

Mrs Walters discussed the issue of lunches for some pupils/parents in upper Key Stage 2 and what we have done as a school to address concerns. Mrs Walters explained that we now have posters in the dining hall should any pupils feel that their trays are not as clean as they should be-however Mrs Walters explained that trays are clean but there is water on some trays caused by condensation as they are extremely hot when they are taken out of the dishwasher- some pupils see the water and think their trays are not clean.

Mrs Walters explained how the school is working hard to make sure that all children take salad and vegetables to accompany their main meal.

End of Year Celebration Year 6 Proposal

Parents asked about the process for booking the hall for an end of year celebration. Possible dates were discussed followed by the process of running an event after school.