



November 14

Dear Parents,

Parent Partnership is an informal meeting between teachers and parents and an opportunity to have a discussion about topics relating to school life. Thanks go to representatives who gave up their time to attend Parent Partnership in November.

Nursery	Sarah Gardner - NAM		
Reception	Charlotte Bennett RC		
Year 1	Charlotte Bywater - Y1M	Sharon Bellingham - Y1M - apologies	Taflyn McLoughlin Y1H/J
Year 2	Alison Eastough - Y2R	Sarah Gardner - Y2M	Mrs Morajkar - Y2R
Staff	Mrs Farkas	Mrs Church	Miss Russell

Representatives from all year groups are welcome, but especially NPM and Reception, which are currently under-represented.

Areas of discussion included:

Behaviour and Safety - e-safety

has a high priority in school and the policy is being re-visited and re-written. Views from all stakeholders are being sought; children, staff, parents and governors. Miss Russell consulted with parent partnership to ascertain how parent's views might be captured.

The discussion included the following:

- What do you understand by the term e-safety?

Keeping safe whilst surfing the internet, email, social networks.

- Are you aware that e-safety comes under the umbrella of safeguarding and not the ICT curriculum?
- What devices do your children use at home?

PC, tablets, iPad, mobile phones.

- Do you have security features on your PC, mobile phones, tablets, etc?
- What needs to be taken into account when safeguarding children out of school?

Chat, sexting, grooming, trolling (anonymous ...), cyber bullying.

- What social networks do your children use?

i.e. Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram.

- How can we encourage parents to attend a meeting regarding e-safety?

Hold a meeting which promotes e-safety alongside an academic subject.

- Any other comments about e-safety?

What age is acceptable for a child to have a mobile phone? It was felt that this is very much a personal family decision.

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School Development Plan

- **Key Stage 1 Writing** - In the academic year 2013-14, 95% of children achieved the expected standard of a level 2b or higher at the end of Key Stage 1. Although our results at the higher level 3 were above National results and in line with local results we believe that we can raise the % of children achieving level 3. We intend to do this improving upon children's skills in composition and increasing their stamina for writing.
- **Foundation Stage - Speaking & Listening** results are already good. However, we believe that if we improve upon children's speaking and listening skills early on this will impact positively on their writing skills. We believe that being able to verbalise what you want to write down is one of the first steps to being a successful writer.
- **Assessment** - staff in school have been working toward developing a balanced, broadly based and inclusive curriculum that deepens children's knowledge and understanding. As Government have removed levels from assessment procedures in Key Stage 1 we, along with other schools locally, will be working together this year towards developing an assessment framework that meets a set of core principles. Assessment in Foundation Stage will remain the same. Current Year 2 children will be the last Year 2 group to be given a 'level' at the end of their infant education. More information about assessment during this transition year can be found on the website
- **Green Eco Flag Award** - Now that we have achieved our Silver 'Food for Life' award we will be embedding this work in school and starting on a new community project to reduce the school's carbon footprint. We will be working to achieve our aims over the next 2 years. Children are really excited about being involved in this initiative. School saved 25% last year on the school's electricity bill and are thinking about our water consumption at the moment.

Items brought by parents

Year 1 Food Appreciation workshop was really well received; parents and children were very enthusiastic.

Year 2 parents thanked Miss Russell and Mrs Mason for the writing workshop. Parents appreciated the opportunity to see examples of the SATs papers.

Year 1 phonics workshop was really good and parents have carried on using the resources generated there, at home.

Maths Playground - www.mathplayground.com - a website used for homework by Year 1 is a great resource.

Phonicsplay is a great website too; many of the games are free to play.

Reception parents' evening was successful, good that a range of appointment times were offered to suit different families' needs.

Christmas plays - It was confirmed that they will be filmed again this year.

Y1 - Homework policy - marking - some work is stamped or ticked. After children and parents have spent time on a piece of homework it is disappointing for it to have what seems like a minimal response. Mrs Farkas acknowledged parents' views and agreed to look at the homework policy with teachers and amend as appropriate at the first opportunity.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th January 2015 @ 7pm