

School Forum

8/10/19 and 9/10/19

Present: SH, AU, EL, RA, EC, CC, ES

SH, AM, KW, CC, HE, FA, RV, CV, LP, SL, NP, AS, SD, PS

- SH talked the parents through logging on to the Wonde portal www.wonde.com and use the emoji password in the children's Reading Record. This gives access in one place to, amongst other things, Times Tables Rock stars and Education City
- SH talked parents through the Aspire Attendance Policy which is available on the St Breock website.
- SH discussed the new Aspire Catering Menu and asked parents for any feedback. There would be an opportunity for parents to formally feedback in the new year in our questionnaire.
- AU asked if parents had been invited in to share meals with the children as this would remove some anxiety the parents have about their children at lunchtime. At her child's previous school parents were invited in during residential when there was more space available in the hall.
- SH said this was a good idea and would explore facilitating this in the summer term.
- SH discussed the Sport For All T-shirts with parents and how the school had been unsatisfied with the quality so would be returning to the more expensive shirts. In order to do this the school would be looking for sponsorship of £400 per year which would subsidise 40 shirts allowing us to sell them to parents for £10. SH asked if parents could put the feelers out for sponsors and ask them to contact SH.
- SH talked through the move from eSchools to Arbor for communication to parents. There will be an email sent over the next week which will enable parents to set up a login. Once this has been done through the website, parents will be able to download the app and log in. This will allow the same functionality as eSchools – attendance, text messages and parent consultations as well as allowing parents to update their own details.
- RA asked if the calendar function would be available the app.
- SH said she was unsure but would investigate and if not would ensure this was all available on the website.
- SH asked for any other business.
- JD raised concern about the KS2 parents spilling out into the drop off zone at the end of the day forcing KS1 parents onto the road.
- SH explained that the drop off zone is not in use at the end of the day so this should not pose a risk to parents. However, SH is aware that some parents are moving cars on site at the end of the day. There should be no movement of cars until all the children have left the premises. This will continue to be monitored.
- RA asked if when a different member of staff was in the classroom their names could be written on the w/b outside so they could prepare children. SH will put this in place.
- JD asked how Mrs Merrick's Teacher Training would be integrated into the FS2 class. SH explained that Miss Barker would be her mentor and had received training for this. Mrs Merrick's teaching time would slowly increase over the course of the year overseen by Miss Barker. Miss Barker and Mrs Merrick would have a weekly session together out of the classroom, and this would be covered by Mrs E Williams on a Thursday afternoon.

- RA asked if Tapestry logons had been set up. SH said she would follow up on this as there had been technical issues. Meeting closed 7.30pm
- PS noted that as the menu has been put on the calendar it has made it more difficult to distinguish when events are on as there is a dot on every page. SH said she would look into this.
- AM noted that there had been an increase in dogs coming onto the school site at the end of the day. SH said she would put a reminder in the weekly news and newsletter.
- CV asked whether a second date could be put in place for Sports Day this year. SH said one had been put into place.
- CC asked whether children could bring home a paper maths worksheet for children to complete based on the weeks learning as internet access can be difficult. SH said she would explore this option without wanting to add to teacher workload.
- SD said that on Rock Stars her son did not seem to be moving on times tables despite doing them at speed. SH said she would ask his class teacher to have a look.
- PS wondered whether parents could have more control in changing Rock Stars focus. SH said that we had not had any dedicated time to explore the options in Rock Stars and would dedicate some time to it asap as to the other functions available.
- CC said that Y6s were on their mobile phones outside the Y6 classroom in the morning and this was making Y6s without a phone feel left out and younger children being exposed to their usage. SH said that school policy was that phones were turned off and put away at the gate and not turned on until they leave. SH would talk to the Y6s and monitor.
- SH took this opportunity to ask the parents to be mindful of their Whats App Parent Grps, as she had been approached by parents whose anxiety and mental health was being affected by these groups in the same way in which we wish to protect our children from – a feeling of being left, judged or talked about. In school we work very hard to ensure the children have good mental health and we very much want that for our parents too.
- FA asked whether clubs for after half term would be available soon. SH hoped the new list would be available to sign up to next week.
- CV noted that there were repeat offenders for parking offences, and it was difficult when other parents had made more time and found a parking space away from school. SH appreciated the frustration and had spoken to those serial offenders on several occasions, yet they still parked in dangerous places. She had approached the police for some presence but had had little response and urged parents to do the same clive.wherry@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- AM said that parents were still moving onsite before the children had left the site. SH said they would put the bollards out and send another reminder.
- AS said that she had noticed the speed of the traffic up West Hill was fast and that there was no notification it was a school to drivers. SH said that they had approached the Highways Department but had had no joy in gaining a satisfactory response. SH said she would try again and urged parents to do the same. Meeting closed 9.30am.