

Parents Forum - 2nd December 2016

Quotes from the playground

Maths cafe morning was really good. It was good to see someone with such passion and belief in the new approach. Could we have another one where parents get to go around stations and try out the different methods for themselves? Maybe a lesson for parents which show us how we can help the kids at home? Possibly some Youtube clips where we can see the kids using the methods?

+ 'what to do at home'. Well attended event so plans for next one to be held in the hall.

+ Phonics intro already taken place for Reception parents. Pamphlet handed out, Phonics 'maps' to hand out.

Maths open morning was really interesting. Reception class did brilliant with their investigation on how to build a clock, the teacher didn't show them, instead she helped them to work it out for themselves, which was amazing. It made me realise I'm telling her too much!

Turtles looked at Venn diagrams, brilliant to see the older ones stretched, it was a very, very happy class.

Amazing concentration in Guillemots who were investigating using different methods to calculate.

Mr Bates class were looking at fractions, it was really interesting seeing the new methods, compared to the old tricks we were taught, he even got parents to participate which was scary, but was actually fun.

English opening morning I never knew what connectives were, now I do! I don't know why we gave Mr Bates such hard questions, but he handled them really well.

Seals Story Cafe It was brilliant to see not only my child, but how she interacted with the teacher. I really enjoyed it.

Remaining classes will also have Story cafes 1st half Spring term.

Car parking is becoming increasingly difficult, with cars actually parking right down onto the main road. Any chance can Rachel put a nice message to parents in the news letter about parking closer together?

RS will send a message to parents on newsletter.

Answering Machine Message Is it possible for the school answering machine to include Burnham Market Primary School please, so when we are ringing in absences we know we've left the message at the right place.

RS will check, issue with outdated answer machine.

Homework sheets Is it possible for the teachers to write on the HW sheets the class, I've got two children and sometimes they come home and I don't know which HW sheets belongs to who.

It is important for children to be independent and in charge of their own work.

Seals HW I can't believe we as parents actually get homework LOL and it is actually quite fun!

Turtles HW one was brilliant, really engaging and inspirational. The second was good, but a bit **challenging** if you've never been to/hate the med.

Great!

Guillemot HW really enjoyed it this term so far, what I want to know is, is Mr King planning a school trip to Vegas? (Work out the probability of getting a five card trick in Pontoon).

Parents Evening Ten minutes is not enough time. I came home feeling really confident in the teacher, but then I looked at the Learning Goals and then at the targets and I wish I'd asked how I could help my child at home with these. **My child doesn't understand their learning goals.**

Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Spellings - children are regularly not coming home with their spelling books and with incorrect spellings written down. Guillemots haven't had their spelling test this week.

Spellings are on Tuesdays. RS to check with staff. Responsibility of the children to bring spellings home.

WISH LIST

Spellings published on the school website

RS to speak to staff

Homework published on the school website

OK

School Bus Stop space double up as a designated "Drop and Go" pull in for KS2 pupils who walk into school on their own

This is not legal, it is a bus stop only

School Subscription to MyMaths

RS to investigate and to check with RN

School newsletter be sent by text as a link to the school website each week?

Already on website + importance of a hard copy for ref.

Can teachers remind children to bring home their reading books/spelling books/reading records at the end of the day?

Yes but is important for children to be independent learners.

Can teachers ask children if they have any letters in their bags to return to them each morning?

As above, Reception children are helped by TAs

And finally, my son came home and told me the chickens have all been killed and are being served up for the school Christmas lunch.....shouldn't the school be serving turkey?

Already explained correctly on newsletter this week!

School costumes dress rehearsal 12th Dec

Means of widening attendance from parents for PF and other school events:

- Suggestions box
- Invite from RS on newsletter
- Bingo well attended...replicate elsewhere
- Invites from children to their parents for story cafes