

**Home Farm Primary School  
Governor Visit Report**

<b>Name:</b>	Marilyn Rivett
<b>Date of Visit:</b>	March 2015
<b>Focus of Visit (linked to SDP):</b>	Attend a Parent's Forum and understand their role as part of the Home Farm community
<b>Classes / staff visited:</b>	Present at the meeting, Head, Deputy Head, Senior teacher and six parents .
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	
<p>The meeting, initially led by Mr. Potter quickly became a parent meeting where they were able to openly discuss issues of concern and make positive suggestions. One parent, unable to attend the meeting, had emailed a question to the Head for inclusion in the meeting.</p> <p>Items covered :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Survey</li> <li>Bullying</li> <li>Homework</li> <li>Levels and Assessment</li> </ul> <p>Homework was the main item of discussion following the Parent Survey, where 16% of parents felt it was inappropriate. Some parents stated it was too little, some thought it was too much. The parents present all thought that the mix of traditional pen and paper and IT homework was good with the children particularly enjoying the computer based learning which they could 'dip' in and out of.</p> <p>Mr.Potter had spoken to other Head teachers and had prepared a different type of homework sheet. All parents were able to view this, discuss it at length and feedback their ideas. The Head agreed to refine and trial the new scheme and asked for feedback once the new system is in place.</p>	
<b>What I have learnt as result of my visit e.g new understanding, evidence of reports to committee, observing material needs of school.</b>	
<p>The Parent Forum really is a parent led group where they can challenge, discuss and support the school. This was evidenced by the proposed new homework, which was instigated as a result of parent comments in the Parent Survey, and refined by the Parent Forum.</p>	
<b>Conclusions</b>	
<p>Parents were positive and enthusiastic. It was very evident that the Head and staff had put a great deal of preparation into this meeting and valued the feedback given to them by parents.</p>	

Signed:       ...M Rivett..... (Governor)

Signed       ..... (Headteacher / Subject Leader)