

Parents' Forum (Parkham) Notes from the meeting on 12th March 2018 (8 parents plus COG, VCOG & EHT attended).

Points raised by parents:

Ready Steady Reading Sponsorship

- It was felt that a prize for the child raising the most money was unfair to those families with more than one child at the school and that in future this should be amended to per family rather than per child.
 - HT agreed to raise this issue when this event was reviewed.

Reading Bingo

- Parents enthusiastically welcomed this and felt that it was very successful and that their children had enjoyed participating.

Book Fayres

- The general consensus was by having two different successive events this was overkill and a financial strain on parents/carers.
- Having one book fayre per term would be a better option.
- The events, however, raised a substantial sum of money for new books which have already been incorporated into the library.

Raising Profile of Children's Learning

- All present appreciated the input and work being offered for reading.
- Writing, due to the emphasis on grammar, some felt that a workshop for parents would be invaluable as some of the terminology has changed and is unfamiliar. Some felt it difficult to assist children with creative writing.
- A Maths workshop was also a consideration as the current methods of teaching are often different to those taught previously.
- Discussions also took place on the possibility of inviting local authors and possibly illustrators into school to talk to pupils however we would need to be aware of the likely cost implications.
 - HT agreed that these comment would be feed back to the leadership team and further parents workshops planned

Spotting dyslexia and speech/language difficulties

- A question was posed as to whether there were any facilities for early diagnosis and although there are programmes in place any concerns should be raised with the class teacher.
 - The HT affirmed that screening tools were used in school, but any concerns should be raised with the class teacher

Breakfast Club

- The Governors have agreed to fund this facility from the start of the Summer Term 2018 until the end of the Summer Term 2019 but are having difficulties in appointing anybody to run this facility. It was suggested that a parent or parents might like to take on this role and that training would be offered to ensure compliance with the necessary standards.
 - Reminders would be in the News Letter, Parkham Pie and anyone interested should contact Mrs Finch.