



Seaton Primary School

## Parent Forum – November 2017

During the Parents' Evening of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November a Parent Forum was held in the school hall. This gave parents the opportunity to express their positive views and ideas for improvement in a range of areas in relation to the school -

### Teaching and Learning

### Communication

### Opportunities

### The Curriculum

### Health and Safety

### The Learning Environment

The overall participation of parents was fairly positive and many parents expressed their gratitude for their views and ideas being sought. Many of the parents contributing really valued the opportunity to share their views and have a discussion with myself regarding the school over a wide range of areas.

The post-it note sheets have now all been shared with the staff. Here is a summary of the main and most common responses for each of the areas and where ever possible how they will be followed up.

<b>Teaching and Learning</b>	
<b>Things parents like and they say we do well at</b>	<b>Suggestions and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning has a fun approach</li> <li>• Teaching is creative and engaging</li> <li>• Balance and mix of playing and learning</li> <li>• Progress in phonics is very good</li> <li>• Information to parents about phonics is helpful</li> <li>• Homework is varied and interesting</li> <li>• School trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less use of teaching assistants on occasions</li> <li>• More support for 11 plus tests</li> <li>• More evidence of marking of mistakes</li> <li>• More homework</li> <li>• Indicators of progress for parents to see</li> <li>• Less breadth in the maths curriculum</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actions to be implemented –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The school marking policy has just been revised</li> <li>2. Discuss the nature of homework across the school (always a hard one as some parents want more and some want less!)</li> <li>3. Continue and where necessary clarify with parents where pupils are in relation to 'Age Related Outcomes'.</li> <li>4. Present to parents at the start of the year the curriculum related to maths, English and other areas</li> </ol>	

<b>Communication</b>	
<b>Things parents like and they say we do well at</b>	<b>Suggestions and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of parents gave a big thumbs up for Parent Mail (it keeps everyone up to date with regular newsletters)</li> <li>• Office staff are helpful with answering questions</li> <li>• Reception classes newsletter very useful for new parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice board at the front of school</li> <li>• More information about how classes are run (in relation to homework, PE etc)</li> <li>• Opportunity to meet new staff or new teachers when children move up</li> <li>• Some longer periods of prior notice as to events and preparing for them</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter contain useful information</li> </ul>	
<b>Actions to be implemented –</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Erect a notice board at the front of school that parents can refer to</li> <li>2. Look towards having class parents meeting at the start of each academic year</li> <li>3. Ensure all dates are entered on the school newsletter diary</li> </ol>	

<b>Opportunities</b>	
<b>Things parents like and they say we do well at</b>	<b>Suggestions and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside people coming in</li> <li>• Opportunities for daily exercise</li> <li>• Trips</li> <li>• Clubs / extra-curricular activities</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Reward systems to motivate pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities for younger pupils to join in with extra-curricular activities after school</li> <li>• More physical after school clubs</li> <li>• More activities to promote a healthy life style including food and nutrition</li> <li>• More competitive matches against other schools</li> </ul>
<b>Actions to be implemented –</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce new sports clubs to younger pupils in the Spring and Summer term</li> <li>2. Enter more tournaments for sports and have preparation fixtures</li> </ol>	

<b>Health and Safety</b>	
<b>Things parents like and they say we do well at</b>	<b>Suggestions and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily mile to promote health</li> <li>• Pastoral care the school offers to pupils and parents</li> <li>• Gates being locked provides security</li> <li>• Children feel safe</li> <li>• Outdoor learning including forest school</li> <li>• Children are happy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More secure fencing</li> <li>• Lighting of the school building when it is dark – could be brighter</li> <li>• Control of traffic outside of school around pick up time</li> <li>• Less sugary products being brought in</li> <li>• Reflect on first aid procedures</li> <li>• Address any low level bullying</li> </ul>
<b>Actions to be implemented –</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lighting is now fixed</li> <li>2. Some fencing has been fixed and more is scheduled to be fixed</li> <li>3. Work with police on traffic control / patrols and advice to parents to not park on double yellow lines</li> <li>4. Check school lunch policy</li> <li>5. Check and where necessary revise first aid policy</li> <li>6. Introduction of new school behaviour policy</li> </ol>	

<b>The Curriculum</b>	
<b>Things parents like and they say we do well at</b>	<b>Suggestions and Ideas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenty of PE opportunities (e.g. daily mile, swimming)</li> <li>• After school activities</li> <li>• Emphasis on writing is showing good results</li> <li>• Varied and inspiring topics</li> <li>• Reading challenge is great</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for homework</li> <li>• Advice on how to help child to learn</li> <li>• Expand the reading materials available</li> <li>• More opportunities to challenge pupils</li> </ul>
<b>Actions to be implemented –</b>	

1. Potential whole class parents presentation at the start of each year to go through homework, routines, helping your child at home etc
2. PTA book funding
3. Further use of open challenges in class and opportunities for children with a strong interest in certain areas

## The Learning Environment

Things parents like and they say we do well at	Suggestions and Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic that we have a woodland area and make use of it with the Forest School activities and leader</li> <li>• The daily mile track is excellent</li> <li>• The swimming pool is a great asset</li> <li>• Caring school with strong values</li> <li>• School is looking tidier</li> <li>• The garden and vegetable plot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School pets</li> <li>• Check lighting works</li> <li>• Improve access into the reception playground area</li> <li>• Further seating outside</li> <li>• Consider how to improve the dining experience for pupils</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Actions to be implemented –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Look at current guidelines for pets / animals in school</li> <li>2. Lighting is now fixed</li> <li>3. Widen gates near reception area</li> <li>4. Further seating proposed for the Spring / start of Summer term</li> <li>5. Music in the main hall at lunch to be trialled</li> </ol>	