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### **Minutes of Parent Forum Meeting 24.01.19**

Miss Husbands gave brief general introduction to the parent forum and purpose of the meeting.

#### **Clubs**

It was agreed that extra-curricular activities are important and that children benefit from opportunities to try new things. The school offer a range of clubs which they try to vary each term to cater for all children. However, there some clubs in the past have had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers to making the club not viable.

#### **Parents suggested that poor take up for clubs could be due to:**

- It can be difficult to for parents to drop off and pick up children with work and other commitments.
- The children are busy with external clubs – swimming, Rainbows (Tuesday night at Bunwell village hall) etc.
- Winter time is harder because of the cold and dark.

#### **Suggested solutions:**

- Whole school clubs would possibly help with numbers of children attending and easier for parents for picking up if they have more than one children in the school.
- Exploring possibility of running morning clubs from 8am – 8.40am

#### **Successful clubs that are running/have run:**

- Dance is running successfully for KS2
- Football and Craft Club ran during the summer term 18 successfully.
- Historically Cookery club supported by a rota of parent helpers
- Historically, Homework club

#### **Homework**

The amount and type of homework the children at Bunwell Primary receive were discussed and the following feedback received:

- Children are enjoying the homework projects and like this approach. They are exciting by the topics and keen to do things for their projects.
- It can be hard to fit projects in during the holidays due to other commitments.
- KS2 homework balance is manageable and useful. It is good preparation for High School homework expectations.



**Headteacher: Miss E. Husbands**

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- Parents would benefit from receiving more guidance (websites, games, learning packs) on how to support their child with maths at home during KS1, especially with learning times tables.
- It would be useful for parents to receive more guidance on calculation methods being taught in school in order for them to work with and support their children in maths at home.

### **Residential**

Children are currently invited to attend one residential trip, (for 2 nights) during their time at Bunwell Primary School in Year 5 or 6. The trip is run bi-annually and within a relatively short distance from Bunwell.

Parent and child feedback was extremely positive from this the residential trip to Brancaster in October 2018. It was agreed that residential trips are beneficial and provide children with the opportunity to experience new things, challenge themselves and have fun.

Options of introducing additional an additional residential trip in Lower KS2 for 1 or 2 nights was warmly received as well as extending the length of the Upper KS2 trip to 4 nights.

Looking at other locations for trips to broaden children's experience was also discussed and it was felt that places such as The Peak District would be possible. It was mentioned that the children are not really concerned with how far they go and that it is almost irrelevant for them.

### **General feedback -**

- Children love coming to school.
- Children enjoy being part of the school council.
- Thank you to the staff for all the hard work you are doing.