

Parent Forum – 4th February 2022

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams in light of the ongoing concerns about the safety of the community.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome
2. Previous meeting held on 18/11/2021
3. School name
4. Home learning diaries / reading
5. Newsletter

1. Welcome

Angela Crawley (AC) welcomed parents to the forum and introduced Jess Medcalf (JM), the new office manager and PA to AC.

2. Actions from previous meeting held on 18/11/2021

An overview of actions were given by AC:

- Parent representatives have been successfully recruited for all year groups, except year one
- The Sutton Park Community Café is now up and running and has been well attended. The numbers continue to grow however is in its early days.
- Testimonials have been received and will be uploaded to the school website in due course. **ACTION – JM to complete.**

3. School Name

Since joining the academy trust three years ago, the schools name has been changed from 'Sutton Park Community Primary School' to 'Sutton Park Primary RSA Academy'. The trust name itself is now changing and will no longer include 'RSA' in its name. It is therefore felt that the name of the school needs to be updated to reflect this.

AC has proposed that the school name should be changed to 'Sutton Park Primary School'. The change will mean that the school logo needs to change, and in course, the school uniform will change. This initially sparked slight concern from parents as not everyone is able to buy brand new uniform. AC reassured parents that uniforms with logo's will not need to be changed straight away and reminded that uniforms do not require to have a logo on. It was suggested that school badges could be made available to put on top of current school badges for uniform. **ACTION – JM to look into this.**

Parents agreed with the change and feel that the proposed name is more fitting for the school. People in the community refer to the school simply as 'Sutton Park'.

AC added that school signage and the website domain will also be updated to reflect the change.

4. Home School Diaries / Reading

AC shared an overview of Home School Diaries and their purpose; they are designed to encourage reading at home by recording in a diary style manner, although there is an emphasis that this should not feel like a chore for parents or pupils. Each key stage has a different expectation as to how the diaries should be completed. There is an expectation that UKS2 will have to complete their comments in their diaries at home as this is good practice in preparation for secondary school.

Feedback shared from parents indicates that it can be hard to get children to read and write in their diaries at home – it is felt that it would be better to do this at school.

AC raised that although the main purpose of home school diaries is to promote reading, there is a field for both parents and teachers to sign – all agreed that this was not needed.

A discussion was held around incentives that could promote more reading such as stickers and certificates. All agreed that this would be a good idea. AC asked if there were any other suggestions. It was raised that the diaries can show which zone children are in – this is currently handwritten in. It was suggested that children could be given stickers to wear on their coats to show which zone they are in. **ACTION – AC to discuss with teaching staff.**

5. Newsletter

The school newsletter has been revamped and will now be created on Microsoft Sway. It will still be sent via Parentmail, however the new look should be more engaging and slicker to read. JM shared the newsletter with parents and feedback was shared. Parents felt that it looked fantastic.

Any Other Business

Parent Forums will continue to take place every half term. There will be a hybrid model of both face to face meetings and virtual meetings.

A representative for year one is still needed.