



Barley Lane Primary School

Parent Forum Notes

10th January 2024 5-5.30pm Face to Face

Email: parentforum@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk



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In attendance:

Staff: Mrs Ballantyne (Acting Headteacher)

Parents: 4 parents attended

Notes	Actions
1. Welcome Mrs Ballantyne thanked parents for joining. Two agenda items had been emailed in advance.	
2. School Development Plan Mrs Ballantyne shared in detail the school priorities on this year's School Development Plan. There was opportunity for parents to ask questions. A parent commented that it was very clear what the school is focusing on.	
3. Homework A parent via email raised a query about homework, in particular why the school is not strict on homework, specifically when it is on Purple Mash. It was felt that teachers do not care if the children are doing homework or not and it would be useful to have paper copies. The school has a Homework Policy in which teachers are required to check the homework; this can be verbal feedback, marked with the child, a response made in the homework book. Homework is set through Purple Mash, but the children have a homework book in which to complete the set work. The school is working hard to be a sustainable school and so has tried to reduce the number of paper copies that are sent home and this is why Purple Mash is used to set homework.	Mrs Ballantyne to remind teachers of the Homework policy to ensure they are responding to work set. Where necessary, paper copies can be sent home to support children without access to Purple Mash.
4. After-school Clubs A request via email has been made for more after-school clubs to be available for KS1 pupils as well as more variety, in particular arts/crafts and drama. In the meeting, a parent raised how quickly the Football Club gets booked up when the booking system opens. Mrs Ballantyne explained that this term the school informed parents that the booking system would open at 6pm to allow working parents to have greater opportunity to access the system, which had been requested at the last Governors' meeting. The school is aware that the Football Club is very popular and places for this get booked quickly. Mrs Ballantyne advised the parent to speak to Mrs Applegate to see if there is a waiting list.	School to consider more opportunities for KS1 pupils to attend after-school clubs when planning the timetable.
Time and Date of Next Meeting: Dates for the rest of the academic year will be set by half term	

