



Perry Wood

PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Parent Forum Meeting
F Munslow

Thursday 1 July 2021 10:00

Welcome!

Parents play a vital role in the development of school life and in the education of their children.



For children:

- Increased school attendance.
- Improved attainment and achievement.
- Increased motivation.
- Higher levels of confidence and self-esteem.
- Better social skills.
- Improved behaviour.



For parents:

- Increased support for the school.
- Increased confidence and skills.
- Shared understanding of education.
- Raised aspirations.

“ If we have the attitude that it doesn't matter, why should they bother? ”
(A parent)



For schools:

- Schools can access parents' skills to complement teaching and learning.
- Behaviour and attendance improves.
- Higher pupil achievement.
- Improved teacher morale.
- Improved relationships between the school and local community.
- Better communication between school and home.



This morning's AIMS

For us to share with you:

- The role of the Parent Forum
- The role of Parent Champions
- Our intentions for Parent workshops

For you to share with us:

- Your thoughts on how the FLIP workshops currently work
- Where you see parent workshops heading – subject focus, opportunities for discussion, outcomes
- Any AOBs you would like to raise/bring up for further discussion at future meetings



The Parent Forum



PARENT FORUM

Perry Wood Primary and Nursery School

What is the Parent Forum?

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for school improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- Work together to improve the education provided for our children;
- Share information, knowledge and skills;
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment;
- Further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors.

The Parent Forum does not have any statutory responsibilities, duties or powers in the school.



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WHO CAN BE PART OF THE PARENT FORUM?

Any parent/carer of children currently attending Perry Wood Primary and Nursery School is welcome to join any of the Parent Forum meetings. The Forum will be chaired by Mrs Munslow, AHT. At times, other members of staff and the school community will also attend meetings depending on the agenda items and what the school feels they would like to share with parents, such as new initiatives.

WHY SHOULD I BE PART OF THE PARENT FORUM?

It gives you, the parent, an opportunity to get together on a regular basis with other parents to have your say on what the school is doing well and suggest ideas of how things could be improved.



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HOW OFTEN WILL THE PARENT FORUM MEET?

The Parent Forum will meet once a term for about an hour. The Parent Forum will be held at different times in the day to try to enable as many different parents to attend who wish to. The school will work with parents to establish and evaluate the best times for meetings as we begin to meet more often in the coming year.

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS?

Anything related to the school and further developing the partnership between school and parents. The meetings will be informal and are an opportunity for an open discussion. Minutes of the meeting will be accessible on the school website and other platforms. The Forum is not an opportunity to discuss concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff. These issues should be raised with the class teacher or Senior Leadership Team.



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HOW CAN I FURTHER BECOME INVOLVED IN DRIVING PARENT FORUM MEETINGS?

We currently have two Parent Champions who you can approach and they will be happy to share your ideas on your behalf. If you would like to become a Parent Champion yourself, please contact Mrs Munslow, AHT, for more information.

OUR PARENT CHAMPIONS

Rebecca Edwards and Ann Nunney



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WHAT DATES CAN I PUT IN MY DIARY?

The following meetings have now been planned

Summer Term 2021:

Thursday 1st July 2021

9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm

Agenda: Parent Workshops

Autumn Term 2021:

Wednesday 29th September 2021

9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm

Agenda: Behaviour Management and SEND provision

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 26th January 2022

9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm

Agenda: Curriculum

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm

Agenda: Homework



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Parent Champions

There are occasions throughout the academic year when it is helpful to have family representatives here at school: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles to answer questions, share their wisdom and talk positively about their experience of Perry Wood. We also have charity events, productions and special occasions when we would welcome support. In addition, there are occasions when we would value your feedback so that we can use your experiences and knowledge to feed into future planning, including:

Griffin Sports Festival in September
Founders Day in the Spring
Griffin Arts Festival in July
Open evenings for new pupils
Parents evenings
Perry Wood's Got Talent
Parent workshops
International Days
Upcoming developments and improvements to the site
Policy curriculum reviews
Ofsted inspections

Your role is simple: be the voice of the wider parent community, feeding in parent ideas and thoughts to help improve these events within our school.

You will need to be prepared to attend meetings or give ideas and thoughts that can be fed into meetings at school if you cannot attend in person.



Parent Workshops

What is the aim?

"When both parents and teachers work together, communicate and build a family and school partnership, parents, teachers and children benefit from the outcome" (Gelfer, 1991, p. 167). The main benefit of parental involvement is the improved achievement of the student.

Research from the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education shares that "no matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behaviour and adapt well to school."




FLIP Workshops (Families Learning in Partnership)

At present, we hold a FLIP workshop once a term across a space of a week.


Autumn Term 2019 FLIP Workshops

Please join us in this term's workshops (**wb: 4.11.19**) which are all around **Reading!** During the workshops you will have fun with your child, taking part in Reading activities and games.

If you would like to attend the Autumn Term FLIP workshop, please let your child's class teacher know face to face, or via Class Dojo, or just turn up at the dates and times below. We would love to see you!



	9-10am	2-3pm
Monday 4 th November		Reception
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 4	Year 1
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 5	Year 2
Thursday 7 th November	Year 3	Year 6



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FLIP Workshops

Staff Voice (Summer 2020)

What is working well:

- Current model allows parents to spend quality learning time with their children.
- Parents are able to ask questions and learn teaching approaches.
- Sessions have helped to build positive relationships with parents.
- Phonics and maths seem to be well-attended by parents.
 - Using the hall is not the best learning space.
 - Lots of teacher preparation for limited parent attendance in some year groups.



FLIP Workshops

Staff Voice (Summer 2020)

Alternative Suggestions:

- Pupils teach parents a new skill/pupils explain the learning
- Pupils invite parents with an invitation
- Different year groups have different focus
- Change the timings
- Teacher/SLT/Staff and Parents only



FLIP Workshops

Your Thoughts

- 1. What do you feel the strengths of the FLIP workshops are?*
- 2. How effective do you feel the FLIP workshops have been?*
- 3. Have they helped you to support your child with their learning?*
- 4. Do you feel there would be a more successful model?*



A.O.B

Are there any points for discussion you would like to see as part of our future meetings to discuss?



If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office who will ask you to complete a form

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