

St Michael's VC C of E Primary School

Parent Forum

2nd July 2012

The Parent Forum meets to discuss the school's progress with regard to the key issues arising from Ofsted. They are to:

- ❖ Improve the quality of teaching to ensure pupils meet expected levels of achievement for their age.
- ❖ Improve the quality of the curriculum in Key Stage 2.
- ❖ Strengthen leadership and management at all levels

Issues arising from parent meeting – 10th May 2012

Issues raised by parents	Progress towards actions
Parents would like to see Big Write books	Big Write night arranged for Wed 18 th July
Meeting the needs of Forces children	HMS Heroes established. Service premium money ring fenced and out to parental consultation (newsletter 13/6/12)
Summary of progress/actions with regard to Special Measures to be communicated to parents	Explanation of Big Write – 16/5/12 Action Plan sent to parents – 30/5/12 Summary of LA judgements – 13/6/12
More focused feedback about attainment/next steps/how parents can support	Report to parents show clearly levels at which the child is working (July 2012) Parent evening review (from September 2012)
Feedback on homework to parents	Mentioned to staff but will be strengthened when homework policy reviewed in September
Informal achievement assemblies	Will be introduced from Autumn 2012

- The S.E.N governor held an open meeting with parents to discuss how the school manages Special Needs.

Main findings from the Cornwall L.A monitoring visit – 30th May 2012

The school has produced an Action Plan to remove itself from Special Measures. This is fit for purpose and outlines the steps the school will take to improve.

*Achievement and the quality of teaching and learning are judged to be Inadequate (based upon March 2012 data. However updated school data shows improvement) see below. ***

Behaviour and safety is satisfactory overall

Children were happy within EYFS and very confident in talking to other children and adults.

It was noted on the day of the visit that writing was being utilised in a historical context in Year 5. The school is consulting with other schools regarding a creative curriculum, and every year group in Key Stage 2 now has a focussed topic of study, which children have had an input into suggesting. This thematic approach needs to be closely matched to the development of key skills. The school is considering options carefully before coming to a decision about a definitive approach. Learning walks undertaken by Senior Leadership Team (SLT) show evidence of literacy skills being applied in topic work and role plays areas introduced in some Key Stage 2 classes.

The following is an extract from the minutes of a LA led governor training session on 28th June which contains an update on pupil progress

Year 6 results 2012

- Anticipated results at Level 4+ were given as: (NB previous year in brackets)
 - Reading- 96% (78%)
 - Writing- 92% (61%)
 - Maths – 92% (86%)
- Level 5s
 - Reading- 55% (33%)
 - Writing – 33% (2%)
 - Maths- 26% (17%)
- ✓ Parents should note that the decline in overall standards of pupils leaving St Michael's has now ended. This was one of the contributory factors to the school being placed in Special Measures.

- ✓ Over 300 books have been ordered using the Tesco vouchers to replenish the library stock
- ✓ Group sets of more challenging texts have been bought for Y6 pupils to provide challenge
- ✓ The school has spent £5025 on books to support school improvement with £3650 match funding.
- ✓ New doors and windows will be installed during the summer holidays in the infant buildings
- ✓ Infant and junior buddy readers established
- ✓ Thematic curriculum introduced within the juniors e.g Egyptians/Space. There has been very positive feedback from parents and children

Moving forward

- Improve communication to parents (website review – Autumn 2012)
- New Handwriting policy (Autumn 2012)
- Thematic/engaging curriculum (Autumn 2012)
- Improved reporting to parents of pupil progress (from Autumn 2012)
- Intervention groups to be set up using premium money (Autumn 2012)
- Standardised English, Maths, Topic, Big Write and R.E books across the different phases of the school
- New behaviour policy (Autumn 2012)
- Improved reading books for children learning to read
- Ofsted monitoring visit – July or September 2012 – progress reported to parents
- Cornwall L.A monitoring visit – Autumn 2012 – progress reported to parents
- Return of traditional story time/story telling
- Specialist artists will work with children before the summer term to improve the junior hall

Next meeting date – Tuesday 16th October - 6:30pm