PARENT FORUM

MEETING MINUTES

20/11/24

PRESENT: P ROBERTS, A BOSTON

Notes	Actions
Mr Roberts welcomed parents and presented the forthcoming agenda for the year: Spring 1: Rewards & House System Spring 2: Homework development Summer 1: SEND Summer 2: Mental Health	
Phones/Home School Agreement • Mr Roberts explained the issues with children and phones and emphasised the importance of a safe community at Arnold. • Parents spend time discussing the draft Home School document. Discussion was around the safe use of social media. Mr Roberts said that Y8 school chrome books use the school filtering system - strong filters. • One parent said that parents need to know how to navigate controls - maybe need access to training/advice. • Mr Roberts wants greater parental monitoring of child's phone use. • One parent said that 'engagement' might be better than 'monitoring'. • Internet Safety is taught in Computer Science from Y5 - Y8. • Parents agreed that the agreement is wanted for the whole community.	AB: Add KS2 homework websites to the Curriculum newsletter
Homework • AB presented homework information for the website. Feedback gathered and actions noted. • Parents liked Spelling Shed & spelling books - used at lower schools • Parents asked if more books/authors could be added to Accelerated Reader & that suggested reading books are shared with parents. • Duolingo working really well in KS2. • One parent suggested a set size/font for homework so that it is easy to read. Also, that curriculum newsletter is linked to Classcharts so that information is easy to find. • Useful websites could be added to the curriculum newsletter.	AB: Add classcharts & Dualingo information to the homework website AB: look into information on Classcharts AB: Talk to SRo about a suggested book list per half term
The Environmental • Mr Roberts presented Our School Our World Project - a Brighton & Hove project which has added climate/environmental education to their curriculum. Parents agreed that this is important, one parent asked, how much will this change the curriculum? Is there an agency that we could join with? One parent noted that the school's autonomy is important.	
AOB • Catering: add to the agenda for Spring 2. • Parents asked, are meals still 'healthy eating'? • Parents are finding the top-up payment tool is working well. Discussion of KS2 queues at break and lunchtime. • Music Lessons • Food labelling - all poultry is now halal, and vegetarian. • One parent asked about food running out at lunchtime.	PR: add to Catering to the agenda for Spring 2.