

Parent Champions



West Chinnock Parent Forum. November 2021

Attended by

Co-Headteacher: Mr Caswell

Parent Champions: Sarah Welch, Hailey North and Jodie Turner

1. School website calendar

Parents enquired about how parents could be updated about clubs and events either through the website calendar, google classroom or on the notice board. Some parents requested a google calendar on the website so that they can import events onto their device.

Information – Clubs information has been uploaded on Google Classroom and displayed on the noticeboard in the shelter. Aim is to display the information on the 'Clubs' section of the website by the end of term. The website calendar is more for events and fixtures with the aim to change this to google calendar in the new year so that parents can import dates onto their devices.

2. Extra clubs for Infant Class, Year 2

Parents asked about the possibility of extra and varied clubs for children in the infant class.

Information - There is a plan to rotate the provision and the type of clubs through the year. We have recently included Year 2 in nature club where capacity allows.

3. Early Bird Club

Parents asked if the Early Bird Club can be offered to Reception children.

Information – The Early Bird Club, which runs from 8.25am-8.55am in the library, has been open for all children including Reception at a cost of £1.50 per session. Booking is preferred in addition to on the day arrival – please email or call the school office to let us know.

4. Information about Clubs

Parents asked if information about clubs next term could be published in advance.

Information – we are discussing with staff, sports coaches and volunteers about the timings and clubs they can commit to next term with the aim of sending out information before Christmas.

5. Ofsted report

Parents asked whether they can see the Ofsted report.

Information – When the report was published in July it was emailed to parents. It's available to view on our schools' website and the Ofsted website. Since the inspection we have continued apace with improvements in Reading, Curriculum and SEND. Please see the Norton and West Chinnock website's learning page which includes information about your child's curriculum and phonics programme, Read, Write Inc that we are implementing:

<https://www.nortonandwestchinnockschoools.co.uk/learning>

6. Weekly timetable

Parents of children from both classes appreciate the weekly timetable to know when homework, maths Olympics and spelling will be.

7. SATs prep

Parents asked about whether children would be doing any prep lessons for SATs.

Information – children have been doing regular assessments. They have been doing lessons and practice past papers to become familiarised with test content and technique. In the KS2 SATs, children are tested on curriculum content from Years 3-6. As part of our school development plan, we prioritise a well-taught, sequenced curriculum through all year groups. This best practice model is to focus on a broad and balanced curriculum throughout primary school and avoid the need for a last minute catch up at the end of year 6.

8. New staff

Parents are very positive about new teaching staff and how children are enthusiastic about their learning.

9. Pantomime

Parents asked about whether it would be possible for children to attend a Panto.

Information – school to look into this, perhaps taking children to one of the local village/town productions or inviting a visiting theatre company into school.

10. PFA

Parents are keen for the PFA to reach out to parents across the two classes. Parents would like to raise money for the school through the PFA, for example through the cake raffle and fundraising events children can attend such as Bingo.

Information – cake raffle to restart! PFA meet at least once a term. Please get in touch with PFA chair Rose (or speak with staff at school) to get involved.

11. Kitchen

Parents asked about how the kitchen was coming along.

Information – School is waiting on quotes for electrical and plumbing work and considering getting new quotes. Funding is needed to be sought, likely through a community and/or charitable grant.

12. School dinners KS2

Parents asked whether hot dinners could be offered to children in the juniors.

Information – if your child is in the junior class and they would like hot dinners, please email the school office so we can gauge numbers with the aim of starting this up in the new year. Please note that once children leave the infant class, there is a cost for school dinners for pupils (except for children who are eligible for Free School Meals).

Thank you for all the feedback and support. Please note that the next West Chinnock Parent Forum will take place before Easter 2022. Should you have any additional feedback, queries or concerns before this time please email/call the school office or speak with a Parent Champion. If you would like to get involved as a Parent Champion, please also get in touch!