Notes from Parent Forum meeting 25.1.24

Parents' speak	SLT: Rachel Rowe & Mary Nethersole
Homework query. Is there enough homework set in preparation for Y6?	We had a discussion about the purpose and usefulness of homework. Discussion of the purpose of homework based on research evidence: Homework is an opportunity to consolidate what they have learned in school. Homework can help to support children to develop a mind-set of becoming an independent learner, where good work habits are developed. Homework should be a positive experience with a time limit where children can stop after a period of time depending on the age of the child.
School dinners Suggestion of a meat free day Question about stickers being given out and could this mean children keep eating even when they are full?	A meat free day is being looked into with discussions from HCC. The meals supervisor has confirmed that the stickers given out are just to encourage certain children to eat a little more and not to expect the child to eat everything if they are full.
Reading books How often are they changed and what is the expectation?	We discussed the purpose of reading books being sent home and explained that the book is self-chosen within the colour band where the child is able to read 95-100% of the text. Most classes reported that the children could change their books when they had shared the book at home with indication in the reading record that this had happened with a comment or a smiley face.
	School reports. We discussed their purpose and asked the parents about which parts they found most useful.

Final discussion

Ruth to ask if there is a Y2 parent who would like to join

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th March 6.30pm