



# Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent parent survey the parent forum met this week to discuss the feedback we received. While some of the points raised on the questionnaires fell outside the remit of the parent forum, several issues were discussed. Below are the changes or clarifications that resulted from the meeting.

- The parent reps are trialling the use of 'Classlist' as a form of parent to parent communication. Class reps will use Classlist to share information with other parents, e.g. photos of notices that have been stuck onto classroom doors.
- Admin staff will explore ways of using the website to share classroom notices, e.g. through the creation of a 'virtual classroom door'.
- The next parent questionnaire will focus on specific questions, such as 'Should all communication be via Parentmail rather than paper letters?' so that we can gather the views of more parents before introducing this change.
- We will ensure that all homework is sent out using the new format, rather than the old one which has occasionally been used accidentally and which states that homework is not optional. While parents are encouraged to complete homework with children the only year group which has compulsory homework is Year 6.
- We will ensure that if classes are likely to be mixed at the end of this year then parents are informed of this in advance.
- Fish fingers will be reintroduced to the lunch menus and will be served twice every half term. The spiciness of the curry will be slightly reduced!
- Bessemer Club has been given the Reading Eggs and Mathletics logins for all children so that they can be used at After School Club. If this is something you would like your child to do please remind them that they can ask for their login details.

The parent forum has decided to make some changes to the way that it will run in future. Parent questionnaires will be sent out twice a year rather than three times and the questions will be focused on specific issues. In between questionnaires there will be a suggestions box in the office, and possibly a suggestions area on the website, where parents can post ideas to be considered by the parent forum. We will also include an explanation of the role of the parent forum on the website to ensure that suggestions received are within its remit.

Thank you for all of your feedback, please do continue to share your suggestions with us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Whitehead".

Elizabeth Whitehead  
Head of School