



# **Parent / Carer Meeting**

## **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **FEEDBACK (14 COMPLETED)**

#### **What do you think is essential learning in a primary school curriculum?**

- Getting the basic sorted early on with Literacy and Maths. Also the basics in social behaviour, what is acceptable and not. I also think, at this age, having plenty of creative outlet and exciting things to do helps to spur them on in their learning.
- English / reading and writing, maths, science, phonics.
- Socialisation, reading, writing and sport. Music and Art – although not subjects for all, good to have tasters in this.
- Reading, writing, spellings and phonics. Basic life skills – building upon what they already should know from home: manners, listening, sitting, sharing.
- Reading, writing, numeracy, creativity, socialising, listening and caring for each other.
- I feel it is essential to expose the pupils to a broad curriculum that makes them curious to learn more.
- Maths, English, general learning of the world as nothing is the same anymore. Reading and writing.
- Literacy, numeracy, science, history, PE, learning about community and the world around them.
- Ensuring all activities cover all areas of learning, ensuring each child's way of learning is thought of.
- I am happy with things that are covered: maths, reading and spelling.
- Good listening, understanding, concentration, well behaving.
- Reading, writing and maths but also humanities (and the world) like history, geography. Science too! Languages – introduction to. Music – more structured (we used to learn the recorder and learnt to read music – I know that was a long time ago) Keyboard / piano – one of only things that used both sides of the brain! DT and IT programming.

#### **What would you like to see in our curriculum at Eureka?**

- More exciting art projects / workshops. Thinking outside the box a bit more.
- I have always thought primary schools should teach sign language.
- Not sure really as new to the school, happy with it so far. Telling the time, I am sure it's probably in there somewhere.
- Forest School would be great – I know the facility is already here.
- I trust the Eureka team's judgement on that!
- More physical activities for children as I think keeping them active whilst learning is a good way to encourage them.
- Forest School would be fab, especially given the school grounds.
- Continued focus on termly projects. I feel all areas of learning are being covered.
- I'm very happy with how it's all going.
- More music – instruments and singing.
- Instruments, singing.
- At the moment, I am happy with school's curriculum. We are still new to this school so it's hard to say something. But, at the moment, I am happy with everything.
- It's hard to answer this one as just changed from KS1 to KS2. Last year we would have said more history but that's been answered with moving up to Explorers. Languages (although think they've just started French). Music (more structured theory) – my child doesn't show what he can do in class setting but does in private keyboard lessons, e.g. learning to read music etc.

## What are your thoughts about homework?

- I am ok with homework, it can be great for supporting learning at school but it can also be a source of arguments. Maybe an amount of maths, spelling homework that can be completed easily and a project that takes longer every half term.
- I would prefer the older way where they had a set piece each week.
- Happy with homework so far. I am glad it's not compulsory (not that I'll tell my child). I think as they get older slightly more so they get used to it for secondary school.
- I do feel homework is a good idea but a limited amount, not too much, particularly at Reception and Year 1 age. My child is enjoying reading and also choosing a topic from the home learning book he currently has. Also the idea of writing your adventures from the weekend is great.
- It is good to be able to extend the children's interest with activities at home. HOWEVER, it can cause so many arguments and tantrums when it is made compulsory.
- I prefer to have specific spellings and times tables to learn and then to receive feedback on. I do think it is necessary and sets good expectations for secondary school.
- Sometimes I think homework which is set for children can be a bit extreme for their age. And a new sheet every week as well.
- Spelling and reading is fine, numeracy sheets which the children can do independently but other work tends to be parent led and completed as parent expectations are applied not teacher expectations. Can cause a lot of stress / upset.
- Both of my children enjoy the new homework format, being able to make their own choice about what to do and when.
- We love the homework and really enjoy looking into the same topic through the term. For my other child who is a little behind, I would love something fun to help him engage.
- Good once a week or an activity to spread over the week.
- I like the idea the homework is spread over the term and can pick what they do.
- I am happy with the quality of homework.
- Very happy with the current homework coming home. So far this year it's much more consistent coming home and like the idea of picking own choice from list and getting points. Only thing I would say is that it would be good to have more feedback in the marking – helps support us at home!

## Which of these do you see as important home learning? (Please tick)

**READING 14**

**TOPIC CHOICE 5**

**PHONICS 7**

**WRITING 6**

**SPELLINGS 14**

**MATHS 6**

**TIMES TABLES 10**

**PROJECT CHOICE 7**

## Any other comments about Eureka Primary School:

- I think things are improving well at Eureka, my only main concern at the moment is behaviour and how some children are quite time consuming.
- I love this school, but you need to have more coffee mornings with cake!
- My child is taking his time to settle which has surprised me but I am sure he'll get there. He loves football at lunchtime and lunchtime club.
- I am so pleased that my child got a place here. He is loving Reception and it is so nice to see how he has settled.
- This is a happy school that encourages and nurtures the children.
- More support / help from the PTA to relieve the teachers on certain events.
- I think everyone is doing a fantastic job and keep up the good work!
- Lovely atmosphere, happy children, really enjoying the parent inclusion (wow day was great). Parent Morning is a bit short, maybe 9.15am.

- I am more than happy to return to do my Glee Club, which I ran on a Friday. I covered dance, drama and music, free of charge. My husband and I are also very eager to run some music workshops. We are both very happy with how well both children have settled into their new classes. One's self confidence is soaring with her new responsibilities. My other child is coming home with real pride, telling us what he has been praised for!
- After school things to do we find it very hard to pay £30 for all of them so something inexpensive. More things for boys.
- School choir, free craft club. After school activities for children with special educational needs. Maybe consider a separate school disco for children with additional needs. Learn to play instruments. Parent lunches.
- School choir, football club, free after school craft clubs.
- My kids really happy at school and they are enjoying learning.
- Pleased with the structure / routine in the new class. Happy with home learning and my child is loving the history topic! Also pleased with the introduction to swimming as we were all apprehensive about that. Forest School - I know this isn't for everyone but everytime my child says it might be him next time, it gets awkward. I know it's not available to everyone but would rather his hopes weren't up (last year were told they'd all get chance next time), we've ended up looking out of school for activities to make up for it. Other one is STEM club – lovely idea and fully support idea of educational after school clubs. However, it was quite expensive for activities actually provided and there was an assembly encouraging them. It made it very difficult at home as we just can't afford extras like that at the moment and my child just wanted to go and build the marble rollercoaster he'd heard all about! (Now we've got to work out how to do our own at home!) Small plea from parent about advertising paid clubs to children!