

Saint Pauls Journey

Meeting with parents – 17th May 2018

As promised we held an open meeting for parents from 8;45 for an hour or so. We had 15 or more parents. Three parents each had three children in the school.

In the vigorous and at times noisy session a number of points were made and stories told. Chief points of concern were:

Reading, homework, marking of homework and communication over home reading, Lack of attentiveness to reading journals. Setting appropriately challenging books for home reading. Headteacher no longer signing off reading record.

Reading programme development - eg encouraging dads to come to school to read to kids.

HT could seem unapproachable and feedback to her seemed ignored.

Respect: Shouting: staff shouting at each other and staff shouting at children.

Negative effects of staff turnover and overuse of supply teachers. Lack of constancy. Led to children no longer enjoying coming to school.

Effects on children of seeing their friends leaving the school.

Collective punishment used too often e.g. no PE for the whole class as a punishment for misbehaviour by a few.

Unfavourable comparison with levels expected at neighbouring schools.

We said that management changes were imminent and hoped to announce them the following week.

There was vocal interest in forming a PTA or similar and in volunteering in the school. Names of volunteers for a working party were collected:
Regina Dakwoji (an event planner), Jessica Smith, Christine Amunpire, Tahira Saddique (a nurse)

Next open meeting for parents: 7 June.

Peter Chadwick
John Carruthers

