



HOMEWORK CONSULTATION



October - December 2015

In Session 2015-2016 we undertook a Homework Consultation in conjunction with the Education Sub-committee of our Parent Council. Julie Trevisan Hunter, Deborah Taylor and Maria Kandasamy worked with Mrs Budge to create a homework survey which was shared with all parents via Parentmail. The purpose of the homework survey was to gain a current perspective on how parents felt about homework which was currently being given out and to establish parent views generally regarding homework.

January 2016

Staff Homework Improvement group was established to determine what was currently working well across the school and to identify possible next steps. Mrs Kay, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hastie, Miss Maclean, Mrs McAlpine and Mrs Budge met regularly to review our approach to homework and decided to trial a new approach with our P1, P2/3, P3 and P7 classes.

January-February 2016

Collating feedback from the survey which was issued.

February-April 2016

The new approach involved a homework wall being sent home which asked pupils to complete 6 tasks during a 3 week period. Tasks were included from a variety of curricular areas as well as featuring Literacy, Numeracy and a Health and Wellbeing task. Letters were sent home to parents to explain the new change. Pupils and parents from these classes were surveyed to gather some feedback about the new approach.

February-April 2016

Feedback from pupils and parents in P2/3, P3 and P7 was positive and so another homework wall was issued to allow pupils to have a further opportunity. The general consensus from P1 parents was that they preferred a more traditional style of homework which allowed them to have a better idea of the routine and expectations.

May - June 2016

New approach trialled with pupils P2, P4, P5 and P6 as well as pupils from P2/3, P3 and P7. Letters were sent home to parents to explain the new change. Pupils and parents from these classes were surveyed to gather some feedback about the new approach. P1 pupils continued to receive traditional homework tasks as had been issued previously.

May-June 2016

Feedback from pupils and parents in P4 and P5 was mixed due to both classes working on a show related to their topic and having a lot of reading homework on top of the homework wall. The general consensus from P1 parents was that they preferred a more traditional style of homework which allowed them to have a better idea of the routine and expectations. Feedback from P6 was largely positive as it was felt that the new approach was more engaging for pupils and encouraged them to take more responsibility for their homework. Unfortunately, only 6 parents returned their feedback in P2. The majority of the 6 responses felt that they didn't like the new style and would prefer traditional homework.

June 2016

Data from surveys shared and discussed with Education sub-committee. New draft homework policy also shared and discussed. Through taking the feedback on board, we decided that we would try a balance of homework in Session 2016-2017. Traditional homework tasks will be given out in Term 1 (August-October 2016) and Term 3 (January-March 2017). The new approach will be carried out in Terms 2 (October-December 2016) and in Term 4 (April-June 2017) with pupils in P3-7. P1 and P2 pupils will continue to do traditional homework. In Terms 2 and 4, children will be given a homework wall which lasts for 3 weeks and will contain 6 tasks. On the 4th week, there will be no homework given except from reading. During this week in class, pupils and teachers will take time to share and celebrate the homework which has been undertaken and really raise the profile of homework.

June-August 2016

Finalising plans for homework for the new session based on the work undertaken this year and from the data gathered through surveys and questionnaires.

September 2016

Plans for homework for Session 2016-2017 were shared with parents at our Meet the Teacher evening.

October 2016

Homework walls were issued to P3-P6 pupils on 31st October and are due to be returned by Friday 18th November. Only reading homework will be issued to pupils during week beginning 21st November. The second homework wall will be issued on Monday 28th November and will be returned by Friday 16th December.

November 2016

Homework walls were issued to P7 pupils on 7th November due to being at Lagganlia on their residential excursion last week. They have been asked to complete 4 tasks due to the shorter time period and will return by 18th November.

November 2016

Information from Homework consultation shared with parents. All data from the consultation has been placed on our school website for parents to look at if they wish. This can be accessed by going to www.foxcovertprimary.com and by selecting **Homework Consultation** under the **School Information** heading.