

## Notes from SLS Parent Forum 1.11.23

Three parents attended the parent forum on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Miss Paulding shared the child-friendly school development plan for the year and the school priorities. This is available at [download.asp \(sundonlower.co.uk\)](download.asp (sundonlower.co.uk))

The school priorities are:

- Making sure that learning in every learning is excellent. This includes using Pathways to Write for our English lessons. This is a bookbased scheme. This also includes carrying on with using Read Write Inc for phonics.
- Improving attendance.
- Using PIXL – This is a tool for tracking that children are on track for achieving their age-related expectation at the end of the school year.
- Planning exciting activities in Early Years.
- Helping children make good behaviour choices and feel safe in school.
- Planning opportunities for families to be involved in our school community

Miss Paulding then asked the parents present what support they would like the school to give to families and would parental engagement could look like. The following suggestions were shared:

- Sharing videos to go alongside Maths homework
- Sharing videos about Read Write Inc
- Focusing on support with homework through videos and web links rather than open sessions in school.
- Shared links to curriculum progression documents on the website <Sundon Lower School - Curriculum>
- A board near Swan Class (on the playground) with key messages of events coming up.

A discussion was had about reading in school and at home. Miss Paulding agreed to reshare information previously sent out about the books that get sent home weekly and how often these are changed, as well as the rationale for this. She also agreed to share some bookmarks to support parents with reading at home.

A discussion was also had about homework. Some parents shared that they preferred weekly homework to a task that spread over two weeks. Miss Paulding agreed to take this back to the staff.