

World Café of ideas!

School values, Christian Foundation, care and support. Ideas and suggestions:

- Explain when and why other religions are taught in school.
- There is a positive impact of the Church values and involvement with the Vicar from Church.
- How do we question evolution and different ideas?
- More focus in teaching RE on values not just the facts about each religion perhaps?
- More role modelling by teachers about their faith?

What does the school do well?

- Mixing up year groups for events.
- School trips and people coming in.
- Responsibilities of Y6.
- Strong Governing Body.
- End of year service is brilliant and special.
- Celebrating children's successes out of school.
- End of year party.
- PTA disco.

Communication with Parents/ Carers. What works well? How can we improve?

- Expand Twitter, open up?
- Private year groups on Facebook pages?
- Text reminders- just be careful there are not too many?
- Termly newsletter on topics, events etc?
- Keep the written newsletter as well as uploads on the website or possibly an email version?

The school site, thoughts and ideas:

- Better maintenance of outdoor play area. Find a way to use this more often.
- Covered areas for shade/ all weather use?
- Nature area?
- Outdoor classroom?
- Ramp for the hall?
- Widen the pathways around the school.
- More school sports activities e.g. football teams, run a mile, dance performance.
- Are school lunches rushed?
- Keynsham Wombles- litter picking locally?

The School Curriculum, thoughts and ideas:

- Can teachers share their termly learning objectives with parents?
- Class newsletter? Children to write.
- More practical hands on learning.
- More integration of Literacy and Numeracy across the curriculum and fewer worksheets.
- More themed weeks e.g Science Week?
- Homework policy: How much time per week? No homework in the holidays?
- Should children who don't do their homework lose playtime?
- Some worksheets sent home use American spelling! This needs to stop.

Supporting Learning. Do we offer enough guidance for parents/carers about learning? Is there enough homework? Any ideas to support parents with their child's learning?

- Fun games to reinforce concepts/ learning and where to find these.
- Make Reading fun with a wider variety of books.
- Better Laptops or ones that work.
- Use homework to reinforce what children have done in class.

Healthy School matters e.g. lunches, snack policy, Health Education, lunchboxes etc.

- Thrive training?
- More support for mental health, relationships, inclusion etc.
- Clarity regarding healthy packed lunches, what is ok?
- Snacks brought in for children to try new things?
- More food cooking classes for all children?
- Grow your own veg.
- Gardening, Science, nature and outdoor learning?
- Themed weeks.
- More sport and national initiatives eg daily mile.
- Advice on mindfulness and coping with anxiety. Coping mechanisms.

Other

- House Captains –Y6
- The chance to win a £5 or £10 book voucher for those who read the most?
- More creativity, especially in KS2.
- Audio books to borrow?
- Can we have some evening Parent Council meetings for those who work?

Next meeting: 19th October 9.00am to 9.30am. Mr. Hilliam leading.

Focus: Look at responses from meeting one.

Agreed focus for the meeting: Curriculum (notes to follow)

Next meeting: Friday 23rd November 3.15-3.45pm in the hall.

Children can come along (please bring a book or something to do quietly in the hall)