



PARENT FORUM

29.09.23

Thank you to all those who submitted questions and queries to the Parent Forum. It is really great to see parents engaging. These questions will be discussed by the Governors at our next Governing Body meeting. Please find below the questions and responses.

Why don't you run school holiday clubs?	We have carefully considered this point but pride ourselves on a school which is regularly refurbished and maintained to the highest standard. It should be noted that all our works are carried out during the holiday period and therefore we would be unable to run any holiday provision safely. However, we do signpost parents to holiday provision in the local area and will continue to do so.
Why do children in WILD wear wellies in the Summer?	The nature of our WILD environment is similar to a forest school and therefore the children spend their time playing in bark, mud and puddles throughout the seasons, including the Summer which can be wet. Children in WILD are advised to wear wellies. However, parents are advised to send their children in thinner socks during the warmer months or provide an old pair of trainers in their school bag. Parents are advised to speak with their allocated nursery keyworker should their child have additional needs.
Can there be more ELSA provision?	We are very proud of our ELSA provision and have worked hard to protect this service despite continuing cuts from Government funding. We are pleased to shared that every phase team will have keyworker trained in tier 1 MHwb support by the end of this academic year to further meet the demand for this service. Please note: there is a referrals process and a waiting list which is reviewed on a regular basis.
What is the role of the SENCO?	The SENCO holds the overall responsibility for SEND, working closely alongside classroom teachers who, in accordance with teaching standards, are ultimately responsible for the SEND provision with day-to-day teaching. Referrals, assessments, consultations, annual reviews, outreach, training TAs, the deployment of TAs, the overall monitoring of SEND and progress are just some of the roles of the SENCO which forms part of Ms Raybone's job role. We are extremely fortunate to have her as a member of our team. Thank you for everything you do.
Some children have a lot more colours than others	All children are able to achieve colours, irrespective of ability. We pride ourselves on the fact that children, including those with SEND or those working at Greater Depth, have an equal chance of being able to earn a colour. We would never want a child to feel that an award was completely without reach and if we only awarded colours on attainment, there would be some children who would be deprived of the opportunity to earn any colours. Therefore, it is very much a conscious decision to award our colours based on either effort or attainment or both. This has always been our inclusive approach to ensure all children build self-esteem and are recognised for their achievements whilst at Hordle CE Primary School.

	<p>Please note, there are a wide range of colours, listed below, that you can support your child in achieving.</p> <p>Lexicon Award - details on how to achieve this award for your child's year group can be found on the website HERE</p> <p>Activity Passport Colours - These have already been sent out for the year and are expected to take about a year to complete. We award these annually in September for the previous year. If you can't find your original - they can be found HERE</p> <p>Community - Awarded for making a positive contribution to our community. When children have done something wonderful outside of school for their community - we warmly invite parents to share photos and tell us about them. E.g. raising money for charity, doing a litter pick etc.</p> <p>Times Tables - For enabling your child to learn all their times tables (Year 4) within 6 seconds to answer. We recommend using your child's Times Tables Rock Stars account to help with this.</p> <p>HSA (Out of School Sport) Awards - By keeping Coach Dobson informed of any out of school clubs / achievements, parents can help to ensure that we award the correct colours at the end of the year.</p> <p>Children can achieve an award more than once and will be awarded HORDLE STARS to reflect this. E.g. raising money for charity more than once.</p>
<p>Do you have an issue with staff retention?</p>	<p>We are, in fact, very proud of our staff retention and have - in the last five years - introduced staff service awards which celebrate key milestones of service. Furthermore, we have introduced well-being groups to ensure all staff members are supported and nurtured throughout the year. We are delighted to announce that this year we will see six staff members with over 20 years service.</p> <p>As an outstanding school, we work hard to develop the profession and when staff have moved on, it has often been to take on leadership responsibilities.</p>
<p>Can class teacher announcements be made sooner?</p>	<p>We have always announced classes at the end of Summer term but note that this year, they were made in the last week of term. On reflection, we shall be moving the announcements forward slightly to allow pupils time to adjust to news of their new classes.</p>