



Sandford St. Martin's

P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am very excited to be writing to you about a new event we are going to be holding termly in school. We are introducing a 'Pupil Conference' which is something all children in the school will be involved in. The idea of the conference is to ensure every single child in the school feels like they have a voice, feels listened to and their opinion is valued – it is something OFSTED agreed the children at our school are ready for.

The first 'Pupil Conference' will be held this week on Friday 27th January during the morning 9am-10.45am with a short break in the middle for drinks and biscuits. We have agreed 7 areas to focus on which will be:

Maths, History, Reading, English, Outdoors, Library and Myself and My School.

Each subject lead has come up with some questions they are going to put to the children. How this is delivered will vary depending on whether your child is in EYFS/KS1/KS2. For example, in EYFS they may be asked to draw a picture to represent a time they felt happy at lunchtime and discuss with an adult. In KS1, they may work in small groups to come up with ideas on post it notes about how we could improve lunchtime for the children. KS2 may be given a quiz to find out how they feel about the outdoors (forest school/ play equipment etc).

We have decided to share the questions with you so you are able to discuss these with your children and give them time to think of what they may like to share with staff during the conference. The children will also be given an opportunity next week, in class, to raise any points they feel they might like to discuss with staff within the areas we are exploring. The questions are as follows for each area:

Maths

1. What helps you to understand maths?
2. How often do you practise times tables in school? (Year 3, 4, 5, 6)
3. What would you rate maths out of 10?
4. What do you find difficult in maths?
5. What do you find easy in maths?

History

1. How would you prefer to learn in history and why?
Hint: More drama, creative art, writing, poster work, more active, outdoors
2. What do you think of first when you think of the subject history?
3. What do you look forward to most about history lessons?
4. If you could change one thing about history learning at Sandford, what would it be and why?
5. Do you find teachers becoming historical figures helpful for learning or a distraction? (Mary Anning or Howard Carter)

English

1. Do you share ideas as a class and how does this look?
2. What resources do you use to support you when writing?
3. What do you like about writing?
4. If you could change one thing in your writing lessons, what would it be?
5. What are you most proud of in your English?

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Myself and My School

1. Tell me about a time you have felt listened to in school
2. Tell me about a time you found things difficult in school
3. Thinking about that time, what made it feel a bit better?
4. Is there ever a time that you found lunch or play time tricky?
5. Is there anything that would make lunch or play time better?

Outdoors

1. What is your favourite part of our outdoor space and why?
2. Which 1 'area' of our outdoor space do you think needs most improvement?
Hint: An Area could be = the pond, our woodland, back field, side field, mounds, KS1 adventure playground, KS2 adventure playground, KS1 hard play area, KS2 hard play areas, gardening area, space outside my classroom, outside Saplings, carpark/drop off zone.
3. What ideas do you have to make any 'outdoor' time better?
4. What new equipment or activities would you like to have at break/lunch?
5. What do we need more of (outside)?
6. What do we need less of (outside)?

Reading

1. What strategies do you use to help you to better understand a text / book that you are reading?
2. What have been your favourite books read in class this year?
3. Have you enjoyed any extracts in Guided Reading?
4. Who supports you with reading at home and how often do they support you?
5. Would individual reading rewards make you more likely to read at home and at school?

Library

1. What do you like about our school library?
2. What would make our school library even better?
3. Which books do you like to look at and is it easy to find them?
4. Would you like weekly library lessons- how would these look?
5. What would you like to do in library club?

We are all really looking forward to our first Pupil Conference, I'm sure the children will do a wonderful job sharing their great ideas!

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please feel free to pop in, our doors are always open.

Best wishes

Mrs Hudson