

## Parent Forum



The Parent Forum gives parents a voice in the school. Parents are given the chance to meet up together and talk about the things that matter to them. Although the Parent Forum is not a decision making body, it certainly represents an excellent opportunity for the parent body to influence change within the school. Meeting dates are published well in advance and there is always a published agenda which sets out the focus of the discussions that will take place

## Friends of Surrey Hills – F@SH



Surrey Hills School has a very dedicated and Proactive Parent Teacher Association, 'Friends at Surrey Hills' (F@SH), a registered charity, which organises fundraising events and activities. These events not only raise vital funds to support the school and advance the extra-curricular and cultural development of our children whilst at our school, but is also a fun opportunity for the parents, teachers and friends of the school to get together and get to know each other during fun and sociable evenings, and all for a good cause.

We understand that not all parents can commit their valuable time to helping F@SH, and the option of making a small monthly donation to the charity is an effective way to support us if your free-time is sparse.

Every penny raised and donated supports the school by way of funding travel, purchasing equipment, providing art, music and cultural workshops, and enhances your child's experience at the school



# Parental Engagement



At Surrey Hills we encourage parents to become as involved in school life as they can. A number of parents volunteer to help in school during the day and we welcome and appreciate this. We also hold meetings and exhibitions about aspects of the curriculum or school organisation to which all parents are invited. We arrange meetings for parents of particular age groups in connection with special events or particular subjects.

Mum/Grandma and Dad/Grandad afternoons are very popular. Brief informal contact between teachers and parents takes place at the beginning and end of each school day, particularly where younger children are concerned. Parents who would like a longer talk with a teacher are encouraged to make an appointment.

At the end of each school year, parents are given a detailed report on their child's progress. Parents are invited at the same time to record their own comments on the report. Children are invited to contribute too.

## Home School Agreement

Every school is required by law to have a Home-School Agreement. This is to ensure that families and schools are working together to support children's learning and development in the best possible way.

## Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher meetings are arranged at the beginning of the school year when all parents and carers are invited to a meet their child's new teacher. Here, the teacher will go through their plans and expectations as well as explaining how the school week is organised, for example when children have PE or swimming etc.

## Parent Evenings

At our parent evenings we share information with parents about children's progress, these are organised three times a year. We are happy to arrange individual meetings with parents at any other time during the year as the need arises.

## Home School Link Worker

Our Home School Link Worker Team is an effective tool through which we can help ensure that your child flourishes in our care. The most common issues that the HSLW supports families with are:

- Improving attendance and punctuality
- Supporting parents, carers and families
- Promoting positive behaviour
- Offering support in school

## Workshops Offered to Parents

- E-safety
- Reading
- Phonics
- Understanding mathematics and our calculation policy
- Behaviour

## Opportunities to be Involved with Your Child's Learning

- Drop in sessions
- Coffee mornings
- Mum and Grandma afternoon
- Dad and Grandad afternoon
- Nativity performances
- Class assemblies
- Class lunch day

