

This parent forum had no set agenda and was open for parent queries and comments.

There was a general question about homework, whether it should be set and children's anxieties over homework.

Key issue about homework is that it is never going to meet every parents' expectations.

School looked at this 18 months ago and took into account many parent views.

Children are encouraged to do homework and see the value of it.

What are the timings over the setting of homework?

Children usually get the whole week but there can be exceptions to that.

What about a homework club?

Most schools don't have a homework club. For Hiltingbury it would have to be a paid for club as there would be issues in staffing it.

Parent responses to this were:

- "awful idea"
- Defeats the purpose of "home" work
- The link with parents being involved with their child's learning wouldn't be there.
- There would be pressure on parents to send their child to the club.

There was then a conversation on visits and visitors to the school. One of the topics was around 'voluntary contributions'. Mrs Hunter explained how this worked and the issue of parents not contributing and what would happen next.

There was a question around performances. Mrs Hunter explained that there will be not be a 'Christmas ' performance but children will have the chance to take part in a play in the spring or summer term.

Mrs Hunter said there had been good feedback about the Remembrance assembly from parents.

A parent was very pleased with the 'Listen to Me' work and performance – her daughter was really enthused.

There was a comment from a year 3 parent about the learning ladders. They were not sure how to use it and there was not a lot filled in. Mrs Hunter explained how the ladders work and that there could possibly be another information evening on them.

Mrs Hunter shared the leaflet about communicating between adults to help avoid aggressive conversations. This would be sent to parents shortly.