

Parent Focus Meeting – 24th March 2015

Staff Attendees:

Mr Ord – Head of School

Mr Brittain – Sport Co-ordinator

Parent Attendees:

Mr Posner, Mrs Rivers, Mr Medlock, Mrs Baker, Mr Duff and Mrs Gomez

Welcome by Mr Ord. All parents introduced themselves and said how many children they had, and their children's' ages.

Sport Provision at Preston

We discussed our sporting links with Paignton Community and Sport Academy. We pay annually to be part of their sports partnership. They set out a calendar of sporting events across the whole year for schools to attend. These events cover a range of sports for years 1 to 6.

We looked at how our sport teaching calendar dovetails with the sports partnership calendar. That way children are learning a sport to get ready for a festival. Miss Kenny from Paignton comes into Preston to teach skills for the current sport. This acts as professional development for our teaching team.

In addition Mr Brittain teaches all children in years 3 to 6, to ensure the same standards. Our planning and training is overseen by a teacher at our sister school, Miss Rooker, who heads up PE across the Coast Academies.

Parents said that in the past Preston had not been actively involved with the sport partnership and it was good that we now were. They said the quality and amount of sport was very inconsistent in the past. They recognised that things had improved this year.

We had a discussion around the importance of sport and how it links into values that are important in life. Parents said that they wanted us to teach their children how to win and how to lose. Other benefits discussed included:

- The social side of sport
- Co-ordination
- Balance
- Confidence
- Self-belief
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Fairness
- Leadership
- Determination
- Commitment
- Enjoyment
- Encouragement

Parents said they were happy with the range of clubs. They asked us to keep seeking ways for talented sportsmen and sportswomen to be challenged and developed. The point was also made that you can put children off sport if you push too hard. Parents also said it was a shame that sport is not really mentioned much at parents' evenings.

We discussed the importance of swimming and Preston having its' own pool.

We also discussed the possibility of their being special awards given out just for sport.