



Family



Partnership

at



Old Park

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Issue 3

Welcome to our third issue of the Family Partnership at Old Park newsletter. We are really excited about continuing to develop our relationship with parents, carers and families as the new academic year begins. As you will be aware we are working towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). This process is helping us to reflect upon what we are currently doing and to identify ways that this can be further enhanced.

Some of the projects we will be working on this term include:

- Introducing our new Little Wandle Phonics scheme and working with families to explore ways reading and phonics can be supported at home.
- Developing the use of the EFL app to enable families to be able to respond to items sent from school.
- Developing further opportunities for family learning sessions in school.



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The Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) is being led by Mrs Urso, with support from a working party which represents our school community. This includes staff, parents and governors.

### School Developments

### Family Partnership in Action

Following feedback from families regarding homework, we have redesigned the format we use when sending homework out.

On a termly basis, each pupil will receive a 'pick and mix' of activity ideas, based on the whole school theme. Families can then support their child choose the activities they wish to complete.

Each pupil now has a homework book with the 'pick and mix' sheet stuck in. We are really looking forward to seeing/ hearing about the tasks they have chosen. Feel free to adapt and amend the tasks as you feel necessary to suit the needs of your child.

On 19th October 2022 our Family Forum met for the third time. The forum were delighted to welcome some new members and began by reflecting on some of the projects we worked on during the previous academic year. The forum group then reflected on their understanding of reading and phonics and what this looks like for their child. Miss Craven (English Subject Lead) then gave a brief overview of the plans we have to introduce the Little Wandle phonics scheme in school and collectively we thought about ways we can encourage our families to develop early reading and phonics at home.

This was a really positive meeting, with opportunities to discuss other projects and initiatives that families are keen to get involved with.

We are very grateful to those parents who gave up their morning to work with us.



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