COPTHORNE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Year 3 & 4 Parents' Evenings

Dear Parents

I know that there has been quite a lot of parental chat about the changes we have made to the way we organise Parents' Evenings and, on reflection, I do think that we have got this wrong! For this I apologise.

From September, we will reinstate the second Parents' Evening in the Spring Term for these year groups. In Year 5 there will be a Parents' Evening in the Autumn Term, plus a one-to-one meeting with either Mr Close or myself, for every parent to discuss CAT (Cognitive Ability Test) scores and future school choices, probably in the Spring Term. The explicit understanding is that parents can always contact the school at any stage if they are concerned, and staff will contact parents irrespective of Parents' Evenings if they too, are concerned.

Given that we are only a few weeks away from the end of term and staff are now busy writing comprehensive reports about your children, it is impossible to re-schedule Parents' Evenings this term. Staff have been instructed to provide as much information as possible into these reports, giving areas of strength and weakness, and what, if anything, children can do over the summer to improve or consolidate their learning. These reports will be available at the end of term as usual, although we are also reviewing whether these should be sent out to parents before the end of the academic year from 2020 to enable parents to respond if appropriate.

I appreciate that this may not satisfy everyone, but I think it is important that we demonstrate that we do listen to the parent body, and hold our hands up when we believe we have got it wrong!

As always, please do get back to me if you wish to discuss this further.

Best wishes

Chris Jones
Headmaster