



# Ocean Academy Poole

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## Community Forum

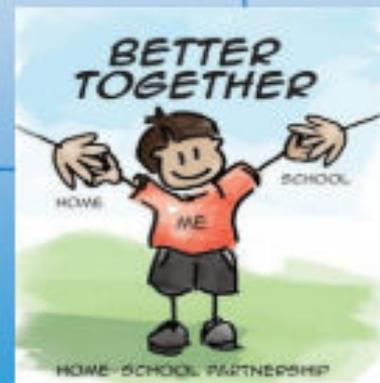
**Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 1.15pm**

The Ocean Community Forum is a partnership between parents, the local community and Ocean Academy. It is a valuable way to share ideas and for us all to work together to improve the opportunities provided for our children.

The Ocean Community Forum is open to all stakeholders within the Ocean community and we welcome you to join us.

**Our agenda will include:**

- ◆ **How do we widen our reputation across the community?**
  - ◆ **Engaging parents in the learning journey.**
  - ◆ **Developing STEM across our curriculum.**
- ◆ **AOB**



## Minutes

### **Previous agenda:**

Previous agenda and minutes from the last meeting were shared.

Think that the clubs offer is still strong particularly the squad clubs. Would like more to be added that are STEM/creative.

Parents felt that homework offer was good and spellings was effective. They would like to know the score their child got in the test.

CPTA plans were shared for building up the Ocean community - exciting plans and ideas.

### **How do we widen our reputation in the wider community?**

This was opened up as a way to spread the word about Ocean.

The results from our recent parent survey were shared and how parents and families feel very positive about our school.

Ideas raised and discussed were:

- Advertising on social media - paid adverts especially around application time
- Parents with children in local infant schools to share open evening leaflets and dates
- Parents who go choose Oakdale don't think that they will get in to Ocean catchment - advertising and changing this perspective
- Sending out communication to Stanley Green, Old town, Livingstone Road, Courthill and Lilliput Y1 and Y2 parents throughout the year to remind them that they can choose Ocean.

### **Engaging parents in the learning journey:**

Parents feel that communication is good here with regular texts and emails, which are sometimes too often and irrelevant. When asked which they would prefer not to receive, it was generic items that would appear in the newsletter anyway (Money raised etc) as it dilutes the important messages.

They like the Facebook page which is regularly updated with pictures and videos, particularly the STEM learning. They like the overviews at the start of each term, the splash and Ocean Wave are great. They feel well informed.

### **Developing STEM across the curriculum:**

Plans were shared for developing STEM and the Creator space at Ocean so that all pupils have an experience of the amazing resources and planning ideas: 3D printing, VR headsets, KNEX and Lego linked coding, Green screen, woodwork etc...

Parents would love to see more of this and think that this is a real selling point for the school.

Ideas were shared to try to incorporate STEM into extra curricular clubs as well - these will be explored.

Ideas were shared about visiting local employers, colleges and universities so that children can see the future employment opportunities in STEM.

### **AOB:**

None