

Parent Forum meeting 1st March 2024

Agenda items

- **Governor Information**

It would be nice to have more information from the governors- their priorities, plans etc. It feels as if they are this unknown entity. Would people know who, how and when to contact a governor if they had a concern? – *There are governor details on the website, but an idea could be to put information on the newsletter for people to stay in the loop. This could be added following link governor visits to school. Also a suggestion of a Governor's badge for them to wear during school events (Easter service and coffee mornings). The website is much better than before.*

- **Behaviour**

Some questions about the behaviour board and how it's implemented. This will be raised with Mr H but it would be useful to understand policies regarding how behaviour is monitored/praised/punished? – *The behaviour policy is on the website. Also some classes are all being kept in at lunch when only some of the class are talking. – Teachers have their own systems for good behaviour. Staying in at lunchtime is not a usual approach. The children love the rewards, it really motivates them. The Stars of Week are very well received and it was suggested that these rewards could maybe be extended to one Star of the Week per year group, rather than one for the whole class. House points are also awarded across the whole school and the totals are sharing in the weekly celebration assembly.*

- **Parking & Security**

I know we said this wasn't going to be raised until something changed, but a couple of things. Apparently Mr DG took a very hard line on parking and gave talks etc to all reception parents and constant reminders. Currently, parents are the worst for speeding (and parking badly) so could the kids design some posters and put them up along the hedge etc to get them talking to parents about it? – *The children will be designing road safety posters during the summer term which one or two of the winning designs could perhaps be made into banners and displayed along the road side. Highways also suggested making a scarecrow for a visible effect.*

Can it be clear when we can park in the bus bay eg after after-school school care or behind the bus if it's already there? And can it be monitored/blocked at other times? *Before 8.45am and after 3.20pm is fine for use of this space. This area has been much clearer than previously.*

Can we have the '20' flashing lights coded for parents evening/xmas fayres etc as the M5 was shut the night of the fayre and the traffic was moving very fast past school Has school got any further on a more secure gate off the playground? – *Plans have been confirmed following quotes for the gates and information and a image was shared of the design. These will include an electronic intercom system for added security. Going to speak to the council again and speak to PC Harris. The school is really trying to sort it out and are have already worked with Highways. The Keep Clear markings have all been refreshed. The school asks politely for all parents to be responsible for their children upon leaving the school gates. Also going to look at*

solar lights along the far posts on the opposite side of the parking bays to provide light or even using reflective tape when the weather is dark. This would need to go to the Commons committee who own the land for approval though. There was a suggestion to extend the times for the flashings light on the road for later school events and to ask the council to switch the lights off during holiday time to make these more effective. The forum suggested fixing the turning point. Jen B to speak to the Commons committee.

- **Parentpay**

Can parentpay be changed to not accept payments/bookings after the cut off dates eg: lunches can still be booked and payments made after it's too late for the order to go to the caterers – *Unfortunately not, this is the way the system has been configured.*

- **School Equipment**

It was mentioned via pupil governors as a 'want' but can school look at offering a greater choice of equipment at play times other than a few footballs and skipping ropes? Eg: chalks or building blocks etc – *Miss H confirmed the school council are actually looking at this as their current project and a box of play equipment is being created for use during lunchtime play.*

- **Rocket Day**

Really positive feedback re the recent rocket day and parents asking if it would be possible for more days like this to be arranged. – *Such a positive experience and the children really enjoyed it. After Easter there will be tri-golf, an author day and possibly more. Looking at lots of options as they become available. Funding from the PTFA is a great help towards covering these costs too.*

- **Positives**

kids loved Mr Grey and thank you to Mrs Grimsby for all of her work

- **After School Provision Update**

Again parents raised about the extension of after school care provision in line with other local schools in the area. I know this is an ongoing issue that Miss Hindle is looking into, but interested to hear if there are any developments. – *The school sent out surveys and have carefully analysed the feedback. This information was then shared with the governors. There were only 16 responses received for 105 pupils. The interest for an extended time each day equated to very low numbers of only 4 families interested in regular extended provision and this was across various days during the week. Therefore, the survey shows there is not enough provision to extend the childcare provision further. Friday afternoons currently are being covered by a teacher and Miss H which is not ideal, but we are trying to continue the provision to support working parents. The school will also keep offering a range of after school activities as now, but again this is based on demand and parents signing up in time.*

- **School Lunches**

A few mentions of the quality of the lunches not being great. – *Pupils' views on school lunches were previously collected following this as an agenda item. Pupils were happy with the lunch choices and shared a few amendments to the way some pasta etc. was presented which had been fed back to the catering supplier. Miss H shared how this has been raised as a previous agenda item and a pupil survey was conducted to look into the lunches further. The feedback had been positive and a*

couple of small changes for improvements were shared with the catering tea. The school will now go back to the catering company with this feedback around the pasta bake and roast dinners. It was confirmed children are allowed a second helping if they have finished.

Additional Items

- *First Aid Training – Training is being arranged for Class 4 (previously requested as an agenda item).*
- *Easter – The new playground marking designs will be completed and new main gates have been ordered. There will be an intercom system for security with option to open the gates during key times when parents are collecting/dropping off. This work has also been confirmed for completion during the Easter holiday. (A picture of the gate design was shared.)*

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th May 2024 at 8am