

Parent forum meeting October 7th 2022

Matters arising from the last meeting

Homework

- Homework and reading diaries, no feedback. Also the inconsistency of homework and when they do get it it isn't marked/ no feedback is given.
- Homework for Class 2 - still none. This is going to be a big step up for year two's going into year three.
- **As above, ADG agreed to explore consistency with teaching staff.**
- **ADG confirmed approach to homework is under review with governors.**

Communication

- Communication between teachers and parents. Just so we all know when PE is or if there are any changes we need to know about. Currently relying on the children to remember or inform parents which must infuriate the teachers when children are not turning up in the right attire or with necessary equipment.
- An overview of each term's learning. Would be good to know what's being covered so we can consolidate at home
- **ADG stated that it is difficult to get the right balance of communication ie too much or not enough.**
- **Parents suggested returning to pre-covid where pupils bring PE bags to school to help reduce some of the confusion. ADG agreed to review.**
- **This has now been actioned – from the beginning of the final half term, pupils should leave their PE kits at school to change into if they have PE on that day. Pupils to return to wearing school uniform each day.**
- **ADG mentioned that the curriculum for each year is available on the website. Parents mentioned that it might be useful to save the document as a PDF to help with reading the document in a clearer format.**

PTFA

- Treasurer is stepping down at the end of the financial year (Aug 2022) could we spread the word that we are looking for a new one and that they will have time to shadow the current one if they want to over the next few weeks.
- **ADG and parent reminder - if anyone is interested in the treasurer position or helping out in general to contact the school as soon as possible. Without volunteers it will be difficult to continue with the PTFA.**

Class 3 replacement

- Causing a lot of anxiety amongst children and parents about who is going to be employed in the class 3 teacher role.

Update on class 3 teacher- not advertised yet? But cut off for resignations is May half term- leaves little time!

- As above, vacancy has been advertised and the school have received a positive number of applications (7). Interviews will take place imminently.

Traffic/ parking

- Traffic going past school is too fast, something needs to be done

- If nothing is going to be done, can the playground gate be more securely locked at all times as do easy for a child to get onto the road. They are worried about the gate.

- Do we still have a near miss log in the office for incidents that occur on the road?

- **ADG confirmed that he has been liaising with the highways agency and parish council to explore options. Highways have confirmed that we cannot change the speed limit however, will support us at looking at other traffic calming initiatives for example, white gated fencing (similar to that found in villages).**

- **Parents suggested exploring the option of a cut out policeman which could be a useful deterrent. Hanley Castle school have something similar. ADG and parents agreed to investigate.**

- **ADG reinforced that any near misses should be reported at school immediately.**

- **ADG mentioned that they have organised a security and safety audit the week before half term which may suggest some solutions.**

- **ADG also mentioned that they are exploring the gate into the playground and creating a more secure mechanism.**

Covid

- there are no work packs for class 2 for Covid related absences etc.

- **ADG mentioned that there weren't any work packs at the time as many of the staff were off with Covid themselves.**

- **ADG mentioned that work packs were no longer required due to a reduction in covid**

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Apologise

Road/ site safety

- **Concerns over speed of cars going past school.**
- **Can a permanent keypad lock or pressure pad be put on the school gate? The easy accessibility onto a 60mph road is concerning.**
- **Road safety/monitoring – the cut out policemen were pretty ineffective as they fell over daily due to the speed cars were passing them and now seem to be redundant.**

School communications

- **consistent line of communication from school/teachers. sometime guess work on parents behalf then messages being sent around incorrectly.**
- **Can we revert back to using the text message notifications aswell as email, particularly for last minute arrangements (eg: the late cancellation of the Parents Information evening) as a number of parents don't access emails until the evenings.**
- **New Teachers,TAs, support staff introduction. Don't know who is who. No mention in newsletters or website.**
- **A welcome to new intake and other new starters.**
- **Overview of what they're learning at start of term (covered in Mr Howard meeting 26/9, but good to have from start).**
- **A reminder to the parents on how best to contact their child's teacher at the start of term**

School website

- **The school website is still not being regularly updated – can this be addressed?**
- **Class 3 webpage - out of date. Overview of what working on like class 1 - which times tables to practice, spellings etc**

- Website generally - staff out of date, calendar must be current, whole site needs updating for start of term. First point of reference for many people so needs to be current. Louise C is happy to help anytime with this.

Homework

- some parents are concerned that a piece of homework every night is an awful lot for them. As well as reading and another piece to complete during the week. Is this the expectation all year?

Other stuffs

- Update / plan for new head teacher. Timing.
- Alternative for yoga on Wednesdays?
- Update on after school care hours being extended.
- are the children drinking enough? concerns over bottles coming home full.
- The Daily mile is stated as an activity the school does regularly on the Head teachers job advert but it is no longer an option for pupils – can this be reconsidered
- what is the provision for children identified as gifted and talented within key stage1?
- Break time snack regularly seems to be tomatoes and lots of the children don't like tomatoes so are going hungry. Could you clarify the situation re children bringing their own snack for breaktime?
- Date for next meeting

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