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Headteacher : Mrs Victoria Baldwin BSc (Hons) NPQH

Parent Forum Minutes

Date and time: Tuesday 17th October 2023, 2pm

Attendees:

Staff: Mrs Baldwin (Headteacher), Mrs Hardie (FLO), Mr Wyatt Hughes, Mrs Russell
Parents: Mrs Millett, Mrs Patterson, Ms Parr, Mrs Finan, Mrs Belcher, Mrs Rac, Mrs Lew, Mrs Hill, Mrs Brind, Mrs Kearns, Mrs Conway, Mrs Obafisoye

TOPIC	MINUTES
HT to share new initiatives (OPAL / Hamish and Milo)	Mrs Baldwin shared information about the OPAL and Hamish and Milo projects Links: Home - Outdoor Play And Learning Home - Wellbeing Resources & Emotions curriculum Hamish & Milo (hamishandmilo.org)
Questions / feedback from each class	Q1. Is it just year 3 who are going swimming? A: The PE / Swimming team have decided that it is better to focus on one year group for a whole year to give them the opportunity to learn to swim / progress. The previous system of all children swimming for a few weeks was not having any impact on progress. Q2. What's happening about the trips? There have been rumours they are all being cancelled A: Trips are not being cancelled, we have reduced the residential trips due to current budget challenges faced by families and the school. We will still be offering Bewl residential trip to year 5 children and France to year 6 children. Q3. How are the children without SEND being rewarded? Do they get time with the school dogs? A: We meet the needs of all children in school and think carefully about equity providing pupils with what they needs as individuals to be successful. This will look different for every pupil. There are multiple opportunities for all children to succeed and associated reward with celebration workshops twice per week as well as individual rewards. The school dogs are available to all children at various points within the day. Next term, we will deliver some inclusion workshops to help the children to fully understand equity and removing barriers for individual children.

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	<p>Q4. What is happening with spellings and homework, can you be clear what the homework expectations are because classes are all doing things differently?</p> <p>A: Thank you for highlighting this, we will go back to staff and clarify homework expectations this will then be shared with parents, this is likely to be different for different age groups. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) highlighted the limited impact of homework for primary aged pupils. However, certain types of homework including rote learning of times tables and crucially additional reading practice with children reading out loud every day to an adult do impact progress. This will be reflected in our approach this year.</p> <p>Q5. Can you streamline the communication and please mention the child / class?</p> <p>A: It is difficult to find a communication system which works for all, some parents like the text messages some would prefer email communication or more frequent newsletters. Mrs Baldwin shared that we are short staffed in the office but when we are fully staffed this will be reviewed by the office team and senior leaders.</p> <p>Q6. Where can we find information about SEND support?</p> <p>A: The school SEND information report and SEND policy are available to read from our website.</p> <p>Q7. Will there be another person for crossing patrol?</p> <p>A: We have been contacted about having an additional crossing patrol outside of the school and of course would encourage the council to progress this matter.</p> <p>Q8. Some parents have concerns about a PSHE lesson where a child reported that they were encouraged to share their opinions about LBGTQ.</p> <p>A: We follow the hugely popular Jigsaw programme for PSHE which is very thorough in its content, looking at some challenging subject matters, but is also sensitive and age appropriate. In the first instance please do speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns about a lesson taught. Please also bear in mind that children can sometimes distort what has actually been said by adults within a lesson.</p> <p>Q9. Can the school do anything about parking?</p> <p>A: We cannot do anything about the parking, this school has better parking facilities in the surrounding areas than most schools. We would encourage all parents to be more considerate in the parking. Mrs Russell also mentioned the possibility of a walking bus which has been raised previously but with little uptake on parent volunteers.</p>

Agreed actions

ACTION	BY WHOM
Unifying message to parents about homework and expectations	Mrs Baldwin and the Senior Leadership team will meet with the teachers and address this imminently.
Look at streamlining communication	Mrs Russell and the office team: This will be looked at but will take time for us to action. In the interim staff will be reminded to include the child's name or class in every message.
Further education for all children around inclusion which can be shared with the parents	This will begin in term 2 and resources can be shared on our website for parents.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 2.00 pm