

Parents' forum agenda 12th November 2024 at 9.00am

In attendance: Louise Ross-Wood & Vicki Marshall (school). Alison & Mike Smith (Y2 parents), Mrs Verity (Y1 parent), Laura Dell (Y2/5 parent), Tara Walker (Y1/3 parent) Liz Taylor (Y5 parent)

Apologies:

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions required and who
Matters arising	<p>Voluntary contributions - letter agreed - further thoughts/ Amazon wishlist?</p> <p><i>List of items that we need could work</i></p> <p><i>No blurring with PTA funds- say what the school fund is NOT for. Differentiate the pots of money; mention what the government are doing, too.</i></p> <p><i>Communication about the fact that the building works is ringfenced money - parents don't know this</i></p> <p><i>Maths shed would be good to have with PTA money</i></p> <p>Trips - enough advanced info eg costs on website?</p> <p><i>There has been more information - meet the teacher was incorporated into which was welcomed</i></p> <p><i>Payments were clear</i></p> <p>Forest school uniform - is it right now?</p> <p><i>More advance warning needed on FS uniform: term before. Y1 advanced warning needed</i></p> <p>Is attendance policy clear - did flowchart help?</p> <p><i>Flowchart made sense</i></p> <p><i>Open communication - if unsure, please check</i></p> <p>School locator websites - is WE on them?</p> <p><i>Check was done today - we were 17th on the list of schools on search</i></p>	<p>Consider Forest School as a club</p> <p>Year 1 to inform of kit in July before they start</p> <p>More work needed on finding out how to get WE at the top of the list when finding a school</p> <p>VM to ask parents to do Google reviews of the school</p>
Notification of AOB:		

INSET dates next year	<p>Feedback on the 2 x Oct days:</p> <p><i>Feeling of not being consistent across county</i></p> <p><i>Easier to have it at the end part of the week rather than the beginning</i></p> <p><i>Attendance was affected</i></p> <p><i>Appreciated the extra time</i></p> <p><i>Majority of parents positive</i></p>	
Acceptance of children from 0 years?	<p>Thoughts:</p> <p><i>Make it easier for returning parents trying to go back to school</i></p> <p><i>What about additional hours eg 7.30am-6pm</i></p> <p><i>Rather the space is used for the current children; eg would it be better for it to benefit existing children rather than new parents?</i></p> <p><i>Sustainability for the school moving forward is a plus</i></p> <p><i>Negative = traffic/ costs?</i></p>	
Behaviour policy - contact with parents?	<p>Parent contact? Is it working in its current state?</p> <p><i>Communication is for information purposes only eg an email could be better</i></p> <p><i>'Victim' phone calls may not be necessary if not urgent. Repeated behaviours would need a phone call.</i></p> <p><i>Parents are informed but via email or at the end of the day so they know what the reason is. Phone call depending on the severity of the incident.</i></p>	Considering changing comms in terms of 'victim'
SEND - workshops/ drop in?	<p>What are thoughts on delivering these?</p> <p><i>Could be issues for any time of the day</i></p> <p><i>If a regularity then parents would expect it</i></p> <p><i>Once a year SEND forum happens at HGSS</i></p> <p><i>Parents who are already on that journey may already know; or is it eye opening?</i></p> <p><i>Would be inclusive and open to all to attend</i></p> <p><i>Coffee mornings just for SEND parents?</i></p> <p><i>Speaker could be for all (eg from county) - join with other schools to purchase and increase numbers (evenings?)</i></p>	LRW to look into options and discuss with SLT
Parents evenings -	Worked well	Ideas to action:

feedback inc survey	<i>Ran well with the bell</i> <i>Efficient - so nice not to run over</i> <i>Need longer to discuss perhaps</i> <i>Having books there was great - no book look</i> <i>Please allow 30 mins for the appointment time to include looking at books/ survey/ send out a response afterwards</i> <i>Could be information overload - send out afterwards</i> <i>QR code would help parents to access the survey</i>	<p>Send QR code out beforehand</p> <p>Allow for comments after so that parents have longer to consider their responses</p>
Health and safety - car park (Laura)	<p><i>Parents are still walking through the car park</i></p> <p><i>Louise Ross -Wood to ask JRSOs to go out and monitor parking</i></p> <p><i>More assembly talk about safety and parking</i></p>	<p>VM to assign an adult to the black gate to remind people not to go through the car park</p> <p>Initiate JRSOs</p>
Male teachers (Laura)	<p><i>Need more of a balance</i></p> <p><i>Good that we have male sports leader on a Tuesday at lunchtime</i></p> <p><i>Difficult to control</i></p> <p><i>Get more Dads/ Grandads through the door</i></p> <p><i>Mystery reader (LRW) idea</i></p> <p><i>Boys need role models/ to confide in/</i></p> <p><i>Male camping evening idea</i></p>	<p>SLT to discuss introduction of more male role models in school</p>
Protecting teachers' time (Laura)	<p><i>Wish to protect parents' time and teachers' time</i></p> <p><i>Not before school or after 7pm.</i></p> <p><i>Lots of Whats app chatter happens</i></p>	<p>SLT to discuss guidelines for communicating between parents and staff - timings</p>
Date of next meeting	End of Spring term 25	