

Parents' forum agenda 21st March 2025 at 2.15pm

In attendance: Katie Allen & Vicki Marshall (school). Alison Smith (Y2 parent), Leah Verity (Y1 parent), Laura Dell (Y2/5 parent), Liz Taylor (Y5 parent), Jen Richards (YR parent) Jo Lindsay (YR/2 parent) Vicki Friel - Yr 2,5&6 Online: Heidi Mahony (Y2/4 parent)
Apologies: Fareena Naseem (Y5 parent)

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions required and who
Matters arising	<p>Forest school kit - did parents get enough warning of kit requirements? <i>No Yr 3 parents in attendance- to be revisited</i></p> <p>2 x Oct INSET agreed - dates on website <i>Majority families said yes it works so it will continue. 2 days fall before half term to match HGSS and other local secondary schools.</i> <i>JL - Asked if school were looking at doing 2 week holiday half term. We cannot do 2 weeks at half term as we are not an academy - we are limited to the 5 x INSET days per year only.</i></p> <p>Waiting to hear about Nursery bid for conversion of vacant bungalow on site <i>VM said in late spring school will be informed if the grant has been successful.</i> <i>HM - Asked if consultation had been done - VM agreed and said already completed in terms of checking need from parents. If the bid is successful, there will be a formal process of consultation (like we did for 2yr olds in the Pre-School). Only evidence the government wanted was need/want from the local community at this time.</i></p> <p>Behaviour policy <i>VM explained that this is being amended in terms of parent contact on each Step. There will also be more detail in types of incident within each step</i> <i>Makes process, action and consequences clearer</i> <i>Going to Governors in May</i></p>	

	<p><u>Actions still outstanding</u></p> <p>Google reviews of the school need to happen School asking for these on schools newsletter - moves us up in searches if we have good reviews <i>LRW considering options for SEN parents eg coffee mornings</i> <i>No progress on SEN coffee mornings. Conversation held with SENCO</i></p> <p>JRSOs to monitor car park - Mrs Watson is now on maternity leave so finding time for this tricky - need someone else to take this on in the meantime. <i>Still issues - staff car park being mentioned in the newsletter today.</i> <i>LV - Emphasise more local residents to walk rather than drive</i> <i>VM - Been in newsletter if you can walk please try to. Looking to get marks on road.</i> <i>LD - Birds eye view of school to be shared - red zone, amber, green - rag where to park</i> <i>LT - parents who choose to read are the only ones who are walking potentially</i> <i>LD - New families may pay closer attention -</i> <i>VM - communication unless agreement with local resident - then you must not block drive.</i> <i>VF - sheer volume of cars not always parking</i> <i>KA - PCSO / Governor to visit</i> <i>JR - Speed on windmill lane too fast</i> <i>JL - calming measures North Road/brimmers hill. For Windmill - Petition to the council to consider calming measures for Windmill Lane - JL to investigate.</i> <i>LD - School sign for Windmill Lane - as no one aware our school is here.</i> <i>LV - Would the new Nursery mean an increase in cars/parking?</i> <i>VM - control over that traffic as families who already attend the school - part of consultation.</i></p> <p>Male role models - SLT have yet to discuss</p>	<p>VM to add to newsletter - check with Google first that this is possible</p> <p>School to find a replacement to supervise JRSOs to monitor parking</p> <p>School to look into buying signs to go up on Windmill Lane to remind cars of slowing down/ not parking/ calming measure</p> <p>JL to look into creating a petition to get more calming measures on Windmill Lane from council</p>
Notification of AOB:	Is there AOB?	

	<p>Coach for year 1 trip - 19 kids but 57 seat coach - Cost saving!</p> <p>VM - <i>Claire Weaver will be asking for smaller coach but sometimes they send larger due to availability - we don;t get charged more</i></p>	
Attendance	<p>What do parents think about giving children 100% attendance certificates?</p> <p>How can we make communication surrounding attendance between school and home more positive? (We cannot change the letter structure...)</p> <p><i>All parents agreed not to celebrate 100%</i></p> <p><i>Pre-warning letter regarding letters coming out is an idea to improve communication</i></p> <p><i>HM - Are unauthorised marks changing since September?</i></p> <p><i>KA - No changes</i></p>	<p>School to consider sending out a letter to preempt the later ones coming out - give explanation these are county led and we have no choice but to send.</p>
Cultural capital	<p>Are there any volunteers to come into school to talk to groups of children regarding: their religious beliefs/ their careers?</p> <p><i>VF - Approach companies directly may work</i></p> <p><i>LT - Bucks Skills Fair - approach as ideas</i></p> <p><i>LV - Mascot from her company - new brand design</i></p> <p><i>LD - In line with values - requests throughout the year - more targeted and specific</i></p> <p><i>LT - Social Media - Use more</i></p> <p><i>JL - More female representation in jobs and vice versa (male hairdressers)</i></p> <p><i>LD - Old pupils in sixth form come back to visit.</i></p> <p><i>JL - Local Councillor</i></p> <p><i>LV - Old peoples homes - listen to their stories</i></p> <p><i>JR - Mosque visit? VM - looking at going during school trips to visit religious</i></p> <p><i>JL - Behind the scenes to Theatres</i></p> <p><i>JL - Sky Up Academy - Isleworth - sign up, reminder, book it - Day itself Kids love it</i></p> <p><i>JL - External clubs to showcase</i></p>	<p>School to look into Sky Up as a trip</p> <p>Staff to add religious trips to trip calendar</p> <p>School to ask parents to come in (linked to values) in whatever capacity they can (eg talk career to small groups)</p>
Religious festivals	<p>VM to clarify which festivals we cover in school and when - do they need to be</p>	<p>VM to add a small section in</p>

	<p>more visible in terms of items in the newsletter?</p> <p><i>Newsletter - communication</i></p> <p><i>Assumption it is covered - feel progress from CofE has moved away and appreciating all religious contacts.</i></p> <p><i>Church Assembly - don't need a rolling schedule.</i></p> <p><i>LV - Harvest Festival - don't do them any more? VM - we do one, but it is Y3 that do it and One Can Trust come to help us understand about where food comes from and that some families don;t have as much as we do.</i></p> <p><i>LD - When the old head was running these, there were too many parents, too many children in the hall</i></p> <p><i>VM - We are working smart - we need to celebrate festivals but only with one class assembly a year - less time out of curriculum for each year group</i></p> <p><i>JR - Box in newsletter sharing what has been covered in Assemblies.</i></p>	<p>newsletter about her Monday values assembly and what was discussed.</p>
<p>Communication between home and school</p>	<p>Do all parents understand the policy? Are parents happy with current practice?</p> <p>Refer to previous forum regarding protection of teachers' time.</p> <p><i>Vm - We will have a reminder in today's newsletter regarding voicemail</i></p> <p><i>Discussion summary:</i></p> <p><i>Communication in school is brilliant - holding email received.</i></p> <p><i>Supported in communication</i></p> <p><i>Very clear communication - sent to relevant place</i></p> <p><i>Acknowledgement is nice to receive.</i></p> <p><i>Not receiving in the evenings - create boundaries. More about protecting families.</i></p> <p><i>Using Scheduled send - works both ways.</i></p> <p><i>Staff to not communicate in the evening due to work creates a wider Ethos to the school community.</i></p>	<p>VM to remind staff about communicating with parents in the evening/ at weekends</p>
<p>LV - Why are some clubs invitation only?</p>	<p><i>Invitation only clubs are Bucks Mind Workshop & Maths club . This is because school specifically choose the children who would benefit from this club.</i></p> <p><i>Netball has a waiting list.</i></p> <p><i>Check error on the type as Maths possibly written as Film Club.</i></p>	<p>VM to check that 'Film Club' is actually Maths club (run by LRW)</p>

	<i>Ideas for clubs - parents to come to us.</i>	
Parent workshops - visiting lessons instead?	<p><i>Workshops - Practice showing with parents to teach - historically not well attended - would parents like to come in and watch how the teacher teaches eg a maths concept etc?</i></p> <p><i>Parents - definitely 100% positive feedback</i></p> <p><i>LT/ LD - Did this in maths a few years ago and it was good:</i></p> <p><i>Parents split up into groups.</i></p> <p><i>Run a lesson - work with the kids</i></p> <p><i>Troubleshooting/drop in surgery/support at the time</i></p> <p><i>Parents could be posted towards some kind of video where any teacher is explaining the modelling process of the concept (how we teach it nowadays)</i></p>	<p>VM to ask teachers to find any videos to support parents</p> <p>VM to trial a 'parents in' session with Phonics (Gemma Davis) - this is happening next week.</p>
Date of next meeting	End of Summer term 25 Date TBC	