Parents' forum agenda 23rd May 2023 at 9.30am

In attendance: Gemma Hiller, Vicki Marshall (school) Lauren Dell, Cathie Swanson, Mike and Alison Smith, Liz Taylor, Ramzy Da-Costa Abdin,

Apologies:

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions required and who
Matters arising	Homework - consistency of homework and agreement on new policy There was a discussion around how this has improved/ changed and what still needs to happen	Feedback to staff: Paper copies for Reception children or a homework book - check with Beth
	Music - school to research peri music opportunities - Rise Up music are now coming in to support children with this. Just paid for Bucks Music Service to deliver music to 3 x year groups - ukelele/ drums/ brass starting in September Piano lessons already happen here (Mrs Kirton)	School to check with Y6 about how much they are doing - particularly reading journals / writing and English focus School to check that teachers are setting the online homework on time
	Communication of frequency of trips: SLT are deciding in the summer what events will be happening across the year	
	Communication - school to decide on one form to parents eg website/ email Discussion around website - LD say there are surveys coming out Email to have specific yar group in the title to help parents	Parents to be directed to the website and specific pages - include in Meet the Teacher meetings in new year
		Reference in newsletter to Tapestry and what it is/ how it works

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	Communication with Reception/ Pre-school parents - use of whiteboard at the end of the day	Office to add the specific year groups to email messages. Not being noticed as much since first introduced Could put a poster up instead in the window as the board can be bypassed. Speak to BW
Notification of AOB		
Parent survey -clubs for younger years	There are three clubs for Reception children currently. Helpful if finish at the same time from parents point of view Consider changing the times of the clubs involving younger children at 12pm so they are not hungry. LD said it is good having dedicated clubs for YR - good for them learning how clubs work and get used to them as they get older	Reception children to have a snack break at 3.15 to then take the club to 4.15 to tie in with other pick ups
Parent fund for raising money for the build PTA discussion	Build is imminent - bricks have arrived and ready to go. GH said we have the exact amount of money but we need a contingency fund. We could run a 'buy a brick' scheme (parents get their name on a brick) or do a school fund. What are parents' thoughts? MS - have a thermometer on the newsletter to build money towards a goal. 'Build a brick' may give too much money for the brick engraving. LD- Fewer PTA events this year due to Covid. Depends on how it is presented - could be a recommended amount or volunteered sum. PTA haven't funded bricks and mortar yet. RA - Could come from the PTA asking for this rather than the school GH - explaining there is no funding for Phase 2	Parents - add photos of plans for build to explain why it is happening PTA to create own letter to support parents' understanding of the group and why we are raising money/ what for; and to

	(EYFS entrance) MS- have a half termly PTA update on the newsletter School's 50th anniversary next year in May. There is a committee starting to get ideas eg dinner dance. Could be a target for next year - have a fundraising year to build towards this event.	drum up more support. Target to be decided on the amount to raise next year.
Lunches feedback	GH asked for feedback on school lunches LT- not enjoying lunches - pizza cold, soggy rolls RD- child tried once and then didn't want them after this LD - Choices they are willing to have are limited now - good that there is a sandwich or jacket potato option GH has a meeting with Dolce and other suppliers next week to consider moving away from Dolce.	Newsletter - put link for Dolce questionnaire Need to say what concerns are
Date of next meeting	RA- Could the meeting be at 9.05am or before pick up so that parents can coordinate with drop off or pick up? Mix it up for next time	Arrange the timings better next time.