

Parents' forum agenda 26th February 2026 @ 9.30am

In attendance: Gemma Hillier & Vicki Marshall (school), Mrs Fuller (Year 2 parent), Mrs Verity (Year 2 parent), Mrs Smith (Year 3 parent)

Apologies: Miss Keown (YR & Y2 parent), Mrs Kirk (Y5 parent), Mrs McIntyre (Year 4 & 6 parent), Mrs Begum (YR & Y5 parent), Mrs Richards (Year 1 parent), Mr Wharton (Year 5 parent), Mrs Ganta (YR & Y2 parent)

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions required and who
Matters arising	<p>Nursery conversion - updates on this and any ideas to put forward <i>NF: SEN provision; calm down zone - sensory space- could have outside revenue eg home education groups - potential for charity grants</i></p> <p>Behaviour policy - <i>has been updated and on website</i></p> <p>Google reviews - <i>cannot happen (not recommended); reviews turned off</i></p> <p>SEN coffee mornings - <i>OT dept bookings on hold; workshop on sensory processing.</i> <i>NF - would prefer a 1:1 meeting but would go to a workshop - almost open the advice clinics to all</i> <i>People attending workshops is an issue - can't please everyone!</i></p> <p>JRSOs/ parking - <i>Beth Watson on the case with possible letters to council with JRSOs now she is back</i> <i>Signage being found for Windmill Lane to support traffic calming and parking</i></p> <p>Volunteers to come and talk to children about religion/ careers - update on this <i>We now have some volunteers for this - hoping word will spread that this will be something more parents will sign up to do here</i></p> <p>Update on newsletter - addition of values section - is this helpful?</p>	<p>Mrs Ross-Wood to book OT sensory processing workshop for parents when available</p>

	<p>Yes! To continue.</p> <p>Parent workshops trial last year (with Gemma D) - any feedback? <i>LV - found this very useful and would like to come in a do Maths</i></p>	<p>SLT to look into parents coming in to observe Maths and/or other lessons</p>
Notification of AOB:	<p>Is there AOB?</p>	
Trips	<p>Y6 trip to France? Y5 reduced time trip to save £££ <i>Would need good communication if so</i> All -Good idea to go to France - NF - Passport needed; an extra £100 for this LV - asking the specific year group what they would like to do and go with majority</p>	<p>GH to do poll for France with parents</p>
Homework	<p>Have we got the right balance? Should there be any? NF - preparation for secondary schools - it is good in this regard AS - Has heard transition to secondary for someone from local school who didn't do homework was challenging; can track child's progress LV - love the homework but there is stress attached and parental disagreement with how to do the work. Would like an after school homework club; or younger children have less work so less reliance on parents to support Consistency of when it is out is important for planning when it is being done</p>	
Smartphone free childhood	<p>Discussion around whether or not to ban smartphones entirely on school site NF - would like to be able to track where her child is AS - child's safety is main concern GH to take this concern to the CAP group to feedback</p>	<p>GH to feedback concerns to CAP group</p>
Amazon wishlist	<p>AS -Was there communication before the newsletter? GH On the plea letter for school fund, there should have been a link to the</p>	

	<p>wishlist before the reminder on the newsletter - NF - add the link to wishlist on Arbor to make sure people know about it LV - opportunity to add things parents think school should have</p>	
Breaktimes	<p>Child finding playtimes boring - not enough equipment We are purchasing more equipment and using wishlist for specific items</p>	School is purchasing equipment in March
Dates of parents forum	<p>Discussion about timings Need to give more time for the meeting in advance</p>	Plan parents forum dates for the year.
Mid year transition	<p>NF - did not get given any information Need to get a welcome pack with everything to need to know eg, hot dog day</p>	<p>Create a welcome pack for parents starting mid-year to include all specific logins eg Edshed, Dojo, and also Meet the teacher slides GH to check what information Y2 parent received last year to support with list</p>
Year 2 teachers	<p>NF - what is happening with the Year 2 teachers? Too many teachers in one day - its bonkers; children are struggling ; paying for tuition as she is not understanding with the supply cover LV - worried about consistent parents' evening feedback without a solid teacher; GH - plan was originally that it was very short term; then communication sent about longer term - HR process is not as simple as you think; financially not able to cover with consistent supply. Understand what is being said; no issues with the children in school - check ins - seem happy; meeting with a longer term solution for next 2-3 weeks NF - daughter presents happy at school but dissolves when gets home GH - reassuring she is doing all she can to support the children</p>	<p>GH to inform parents if staff absence is long term and plan, as usual, to create consistent teacher where possible</p>
Date of next meeting	TBC	