



# parents forum

## Minutes: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Members present:

<b>Laura Atkins (Chair)</b>	<b>Elaine Nangle</b>	<b>Nici Turnbull</b>
<b>Anna Allen</b>	<b>Vicki Houldcroft</b>	<b>Sarah Thompson</b>
<b>Lucy Goringe</b>	<b>Gemma Halsey</b>	<b>Rachel Lamont</b>
<b>Jasmine Howe</b>	<b>Celia Thatcher (teacher rep)</b>	

### Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Breakfast Club: 7.30am suggestion – the survey has happened and we are awaiting feedback from Get Active. **RESPONSE** : Get Active have confirmed that breakfast club will start from 7.30am from January 2020 and the cost will be £4.50 for the session.

<b>Matters arising: Nativity Play</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why have timings changed? (Parent Forum supported the change but would have liked it to be explained on the newsletter)</li> <li>• Please could we have more notice of dates in future so we can get time off work?</li> </ul>	Historically, the younger children have found an evening performance exhausting particularly at this time of year with all the build up to Christmas. We will clarify the reasons for these kind of changes in the future and will aim to give as much notice as possible.
<b>Matters arising: learning aids</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
Parents are keen to have suggested activities for children to do at home that do not involve children using an electronic device.	School always encourages children to read as much as possible at home but is also wary of giving children, particularly in the younger years, too much to do at home. These children would mostly benefit from practising recognising their letter sounds and making words as well as reading. There is also the talking Picture news homework each week. However, we will be more considerate of how much we expect children to do online in the older years.
<b>Matters arising: School Council</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
Parents would like clarity on what school council do. They also asked if children will be retaining the posts for the year or for half a year.	Having trialled children only being in post for half a year we decided that children needed the year to see through the development actions they set. School Council are the representatives for their class, taking forward ideas for school improvement and to engage children key activities each year. They write a development plan which can be found on the display in the KS1 library/ICT suite.

<p><b>Matters arising: End of the day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity was requested on the timings for the gate to be opened.</li> <li>• It was reported that FS, Y1 and Y2 children were often out late but also there were some KS2 classes that were out late.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>We always endeavour to open the gate at 3.05pm, however there are sometimes reasons why this cannot happen – it is the busiest time of the day for the office team and they could be delivering messages, taking phone calls or there could be extenuating circumstances around the safeguarding of individuals which mean we cannot open the gate on time. Celia will remind staff again of the importance of letting children out on time. (FS and KS1 3.10pm and KS2 3.25pm)</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Flu jabs</b></p> <p>It was asked why the flu vaccinations were so late this year.</p>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>This is out of our control and we rely on the health team in Wokingham to allocate our date.</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Parent Pay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had recently been a situation where one parent was asked to bring a packed lunch and another had a lunch ordered for them.</li> <li>• Parents would like some clarity in the newsletter that ALL payments are online now as well as the expectations for the Pantomime day and the fact that you have to cancel your child's lunch before 9am if they are ill.</li> <li>• Some parents are getting a “no meal taken” message when their child has had lunch.</li> <li>• Parent Forum thanked school for putting the online payment system in place as they are finding it much better overall, despite initial teething problems.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>We always deal with every situation on an individual basis and whilst the onus and responsibility is now on parents to order meals, we will never let a child go hungry. We will clarify the suggestions on the next newsletter and will investigate the no meal taken issue. Please could school also ask Parent Forum reps if they are on a fb page or a whatsapp group to help parents by reminding to book dinners and to make appropriate changes when needed. Thank you very much.</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: INSET days</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent forum had received some comments from parents that they were struggling to find childcare for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET days</li> </ul>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>We are exploring with Get Active if they can offer something. Get Active have set up a New Year Holiday Camp for these two days. All parents have been emailed the link to book if needed.</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Trackit lights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was some concern from parents that the behaviour system was not being applied fairly.</li> <li>• There was concern that some children were not able to achieve the green stamp by having to remain on green for a week.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>We will go through the policy again as a staff team and review expectations. We will also go through it with the children in an assembly. The behaviour policy is also shared with clubs so they are aware of how we manage behaviour. We introduced the green stamp in response to parent forum suggesting that a term was too long for the certificate for the</p>

	<p>younger children. We feel that a week is an achievable target even for a child who finds managing their behaviour difficult as they are supported by the staff to do this.</p> <p>We do adapt the behaviour system for children with SEN.</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Positive feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss Hannington's phonics workshop was very well received by parents</li> <li>• Parents really like the younger children's phonics home learning</li> <li>• Year 6 assembly about Osmington Bay was lovely.</li> <li>• Picture News is going down well and children are enjoying sharing the learning at home through the home learning sheet.</li> <li>• Year 2 meeting was well received by parents.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p> <p>Thank you very much. We will pass on your comments.</p>
<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Who is the next Parent Forum person?</li> </ul>	<p>Julie Easton (new deputy)</p>
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**Date for next meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**