



parents forum

Minutes: 13th May 2019

Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Elaine Nangle	Matt (Teacher rep)
Anna Allen	Vicki Houldcroft	Sarah Thompson
Alison Dalton		

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Online payment options: school still looking, progress being made

Matters arising: Learning Logs	Response from school:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 parents are unhappy with difficulty of learning log • Could the easier options be at the top of the suggestions list • Could the whole school homework ideas/suggestions be streamed in KSs • Could it be explained somewhere (curriculum news) why FS/Y1 don't have more academic homework. 	<p>Yes we can definitely put the simpler suggestions higher up the list but by streaming the ideas this may stop younger children trying more challenging activities even if they wanted to. Homework is a really challenging topic to get right for everyone as parent views about homework are so varied. We would be happy to run a survey to Grazeley parents about homework to get a feel about preference if Parent Forum feel this would be valuable?</p>
Matters arising: Sponsored Spell	Response from school:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents thought the Easter holidays was the wrong time to have sponsored spell • How words were to be sponsored was unclear • Wasn't clear they didn't have to learn all 100 words 	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We recognise that this wasn't received very positively and caused some anxiety and stress for some pupils. As a result we will not run a sponsored spell again. On a positive note the event raised a huge amount of money for the Alexander Devine Hospice so we are really grateful to parents support for this charity.</p>
Matters arising: Sports Day	Response from school:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports day dates and timings confirmed 	<p>Yes - this is now in the newsletter. We will be starting earlier this year. Details to follow soon.</p>
Matters arising: Lunch Time Get Active	Response from school:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there any other option for the children being active other than Get Active? 	<p>There are lots of other activities on the field on the days when the children aren't in the Get Active club. The school really values this session and we have listened to the children's views and reduced it to 20-25 minutes once a week. We would be reluctant to make it a voluntary session but we can feedback to Alex any activities that the children would like to do instead.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Good to be Green</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could this be half termly for KS1 to help them achieve 	<p>This is something we will discuss further with the Senior Leadership Team at our next meeting.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Bell system for morning playground</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the exact system when the bell rings in the morning? Could this be clarified? 	<p>The bell rings at 8.50am. Children should stand still and wait for their class to be called/card to be shown. They then should then walk in to school and put their belongings away.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Pound for non-uniform day</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th of May? Can we still have the third non-uniform day and clarify its voluntary? Parents want their children to have the non-uniform day. Parents didn't understand why this extra pound was an issue as the PTA is a registered charity, separate to the school 	<p>Yes that's fine, and we are sorry to have caused upset over this. We have unfortunately missed the opportunity to have this non-uniform day this term but will ensure we incorporate next time.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Sycamore class</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sycamore class are often late out. 	<p>We will mention it to the classteacher and try and improve this. Thank you.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Y6 transition to secondary</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents concerned about the transition and what opportunities there are for the children 	<p>We always support the transition days offered by the secondary schools and children are able to attend these.</p>
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<p>Date for next meeting: Monday 1st July 2019</p>	