



parents forum

Minutes: 7th October 2019

Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair) (Y4, Y2)	Elaine Nangle (Y6, Y5)	Celia (Teacher rep)
Anna Allen (Y5)	Vicki Houldcroft (Y5, Y3)	Sarah Thompson (Y4, Y2)
Gemma Halsey (Y4, Y1)	Jasmine Howe (Y2, YR)	Nici Turnbull (Y2)
Lucy Goringe (Y3, Y1)	Rachel Lamont (YR)	

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Online payment options: school making progress, hoping to have school donners up and running for after half term.

Matters arising: Caterlink	Response from school:
It was reported that 6 or 7 children didn't get enough food due to bigger portions going to the younger children. They were given a roast dinner but there was no pork, for example. One child got a jacket potato but this was not what she had ordered.	Michele Teale in the Office is regularly reporting back to Caterlink.
Matters arising: Y2 expectations	Response from school:
Parents are unsure of the new expectations in Year 2. They asked if a meeting was planned and if there could be some clarification regarding spellings.	A meeting is planned to discuss the Year 2 SATS and how parents can support their children at home so we can address spellings at this meeting too.
Matters arising: Car park	Response from school:
There are still issues with the car park. Parents are mounting the kerb and parking on verges. KS1 parents (without older siblings) are still not leaving the playground quickly enough for the KS2 parents to get parked.	This is a really difficult topic as there is only so much control we can have over parents' parking and behaviour in the car park. We have the largest school car park in Wokingham but we appreciate that very few of our families can walk to school. We will encourage car sharing and promote sensible car park etiquette! We will also encourage parents of younger children without siblings to leave the playground promptly.
Matters arising: Holding Bay	Response from school:
The forum recognised that this was an issue that had been "put to bed" previously but there are many parents (Hazel in particular) who are very keen for something to be in place for their younger children to attend for the 15 minutes before their older child is ready. Parents are happy to pay for such provision if needed.	Celia will bring this up with Get Active and ask them if this is something they would consider doing. UPDATE : Get Active have discussed this as a team and their concern is the ratio and impact on staff at the start of their daily Active Care sessions. They feel they cannot offer the extra 15minutes as do not want to jeopardise these sessions.

<p>Matters arising: Breakfast Club</p> <p>A parent had asked if breakfast club could start at 7.30am.</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>Celia will bring this up with Get Active and ask them if this is something they would consider doing.</p> <p>UPDATE : Get Active have surveyed all their parents with a positive response to date. They will survey all Grazeley parents before making a final decision.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Positive things</p> <p>Laura asked that the forum could bring some positive things to celebrate to the forum as well as any complaints or queries.</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>That would be lovely thank you.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Timetable</p> <p>A parent had been really pleased with the timetable that she had been given for her child who had moved into Sycamore class and has found it really useful, particularly with knowing which days the children do PE. It was on the back of the Curriculum News. It was asked if other classes would be able to do this.</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>Celia will talk to the staff team about this. It is definitely possible for the older children but the younger children often have much more flexibility in their timetable.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Whole school year payment schedule</p> <p>Parents felt it would be useful for them to have a schedule for the year indicating what payments might be coming up e.g. swimming lessons, Christmas cards, pantomime. This would help parents space out payments throughout the year.</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>The new online payment system will allow parents to upload monies at any time so parents could upload a certain amount each month and spread costs in this way.</p> <p>We will also try and indicate what will be coming up throughout the year.</p> <p>As our curriculum is built over the next two years we will also be able to give you more idea of the trips planned for each year group.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Spellings</p> <p>Parents have asked if teachers could send home the spelling that children get wrong so that they can practise them again.</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>Celia will discuss with teachers.</p>
<p>Matters arising: Transition in Year 3</p> <p>Some parents whose children have recently moved into Year 3 have said it would be useful to have some information about the changes when you move in to Year 3, for example, paying for school lunches, later pick up, snacks. Could this be sent home on transition day?</p>	<p>Response from school:</p> <p>We will certainly look into improving this transition point for these children. Thank you for the feedback. We are currently rewriting our Food Policy and will get some guidance out asap.</p>
<p>A.O.B</p> <p>➤ Could somebody update the flyer that goes out to parents so that parents know who to approach with a Parent Forum issue?</p>	

Date for next meeting: Monday 25th November 2019