



# parents forum

**Minutes: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Members present:**

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Elaine Nangle - apologises	Gemma (Teacher rep)
Anna Allen	Vicki Houldcroft	
Sarah Thompson	Chrissie Myhill	

**Matters arising from previous minutes:**

-Points from the minutes that are still ongoing:-

- Playground - seems to have improved. Keep reminding children and parents that the play equipment should not be used before and after school. Laminated sign to remind.
- Swimming lessons - Autumn Term. Classes to be confirmed nearer the time.
- Ensure Caterlink email goes in the newsletter. When contacted by a parent Caterlink said it was down to the school to pursue online payments. This will continue to be discussed and the school may move forward with this when the time is right. Dairy free menu - still doesn't have a meat main every day - Anna to put parent in contact with Caterlink contact.
- Uniform - bigger sizes now on website
- Water - children are given regular opportunities to drink throughout the school day. However where children have medical issues they may need more frequent opportunities to drink
- End of the day - classes not always coming out on time - this is impacting on the parking as some KS1 children are leaving late. It also impacts on clubs that parents have paid for / need to get to offsite. The school bell is being investigated.
- E-Schools - ongoing. Parent forum recognise this is a good resource but acknowledge the time it takes to update. Need to check what we have on there is useful to parents. Content varies from class to class. Query whether it would be possible for all spelling / maths homework to be uploaded - however not all homework is created by the class teacher and therefore not always easily uploaded
- People are still parking in staff spaces in the morning. Parents can park in the drop off zone or staff spaces at the end of the day only
- Cars who stay in the drop off zone are making it challenging and causing traffic jams - it was suggested that people drive around and make a loop if they need to wait

<b>Matters arising: Sports Kit</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
<b>Can the children wear tracksuits during PE and if so what type? (no logos v's logo's and colours v's plain!) - children can wear a plain tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Parents have asked if the school can have a Grazeley zip hoodie that can be used for PE / competitions</b>	The office team will contact the uniform supplying to see if this is something that can be offered
<b>Matters arising: PE Lessons</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
<b>How often should classes be doing PE each week? - Children should be having two lessons a week - one indoor and one outdoor. Parents are mindful that other things happen / are planned but some are concerned that PE seems to be one of the first subject that gets missed.</b>	Classes have two lessons planned but there are occasions where I may need to be missed to make room for other opportunities
<b>Matters arising: Holding Bay</b>	<b>Response from school:</b>
<b>Is there any way holding bay can be re-instated (with or</b>	The school are not able to offer

<p><b>without additional charge)?</b> - Parents are requesting if this can come back in if people paid for it?</p>	<p>holding bay again</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Get Active</b></p>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p>
<p><b>Concerns raised re school gate and care/activities (especially for the younger ones)</b> - concerned that the younger children need to be kept a closer eye on as worried the gate is open from 3.05pm. Anna is happy to speak directly to the parent about concerns raised. There is a timetable for sports / arts and crafts that the children can choose from. The timetable is available on Get Active's website. Anna has been working with Get Active about plans moving forward.</p>	<p>See left</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Get Active</b></p>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p>
<p><b>Can after school club run until 6pm?</b> - up to now only one person has requested this and so this isn't currently viable. Get Active have been requested to complete a survey with their regular parents to see what the current need is e.g. times, activities etc.</p>	<p>See left</p>
<p><b>Matters arising: Friendship bench</b></p>	<p><b>Response from school:</b></p>
<p><b>Could there be a 'Friendship bench' in the playground?</b> - this used to happen in the past. Can we role this out again? If parents have concerns about their children's friendship please speak to teacher. Buddy system?</p>	<p>School will discuss this further. Concerns will be mentioned to all staff who do a break / lunch duty. If parents have specific concerns about their child's friendships, please speak to the class teacher. Peer mediators and Play leaders in Year 6 are also available for younger children who feel left out or have fallen out with friends.</p>
<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Learning logs - KS2 - write some rules - this was quite hard to do as it was so broad. Gemma explained that this would have been offered to appeal to all children's interests and to give choice</li> <li>➤ There is also concerns about lack of feedback from the teacher about learning logs - some children don't want to do their homework because of this. Occasionally children don't have time to share with their peers either</li> <li>➤ Head teacher awards - clarify the criteria for the awards - children think it is on a rota system. Surely the awards should be random and children may get it more than once as what they have done</li> <li>➤ Team points - reminder that team points is a fair system. Concerned that the same teams keep getting the non-uniform day. Children who are always well behaved aren't always getting the team points. Club providers are also available to give team points. Can team assemblies be done more regularly to encourage working as a team / discuss ways to earn team points?</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers will be reminded to give peer feedback to their classes on learning logs and the topics covered in them.</p> <p>The children all have an opportunity to earn head teacher awards but in addition extra awards are issued if children have done something great that week</p> <p>School will continue to ensure the house teams are balanced in terms of numbers and that Team assemblies are more regular and include a time to discuss how to earn more team points.</p>
<p>Date for next meeting: 24.4.18 @9am</p>	