



parents forum

Minutes: 19th October 2020

Members present:

Laura Atkins (Chair)	Vicki Houldcroft	Rachel Lamont
Gemma Halsey	Nici Turnbull	Sarah Thompson
Lucy Goringe	Julie Easton (Teacher rep)	Anna Allen
Apologies: Jasmine Howe		

Agenda Item:	Response from school:
<p>Election of Chair: Laura was elected as chair for the year.</p>	<p>Thank you Laura for being willing to take this role on for another year</p>
<p>Start and End of the Day Issues</p> <p>Car Park - There is an issue with queuing by the bins. Is it possible to move the bins to the other end of the carpark so that parents and children are not queuing by the dirty bins and rubbish?</p> <p>Also, behind the cone in the corner behind the bins is a lot of rubbish. The children love climbing on it but it is a health and safety hazard. Is it going to be removed?</p> <p>Can school encourage more KS2 parents to use the drop off zone as this relieves the pressure on the car park?</p> <p>Can the 8.30 teacher on duty be reinstated to supervise the Y6 children that are left in the car park?</p> <p>Could parents queuing at the main gate queue away from the road so that parents going to or from the Lane Gate don't have to walk with their children on the exit road from the car park in order to maintain social distancing.</p> <p>Dropping off - Will the drop off times ever be rotated around the classes or are they stuck where they are? Is there a plan to rotate the drop off times or to speed up the drop off as the parent spend approximately 1.5 hours a</p>	<p>This is a good idea. We have done this.</p> <p>This job has been done.</p> <p>We will encourage Year 5 and 6 parents to do this as the children are allowed to line up by themselves.</p> <p>The 8.30 member of the SLT is already on duty supervising the car park area so we will discuss this at the SLT meeting.</p> <p>We have remarked the put them next to the fence to encourage this.</p> <p>There are currently no plans to do this. As this is affecting a very small number of parents, please contact Miss Thatcher and we will</p>

day sat in the car park between the drop off times for her two children.

Private Discussion at the gate - There have been a couple of incidents of the class teacher coming out to have a chat with a parent at the gate but this is more public now with everyone queueing, as it is in front of everyone. Could it thought about how this can happen more privately

Once the children are in KS2 do parents need to let the school know if they are going home with someone else? In the past the children would just leave the class to go home with someone but do we need to email the office now as they are being dismissed from the gate.

see how we can help. To keep changing this would be very unhelpful to many people.

We will discuss this in the staff meeting and see what we can do.

No - but children do need to know who they are going home with and to be able to tell the teacher.

Rewards/ Awards:

Awards: Parents are not sure what the awards are. There feels like there is a massive communication gap. What do the children need to do to get an award? If their child is not getting awards is there a problem in school and how would the parent know?

HT Awards: One child got the HT award and the children were upset because the child had been on Red earlier in the week.

Just from one person: Treat days and team points - Their child felt aggrieved that however many points their child got, they still didn't get a treat day and they are getting demoralised.

Team Points - General concern in the upper school that the well behaved children are not being given enough recognition regularly. Noticed that in Oak class that team points aren't handed out as generously as in other places. Those children who get good to be green don't seem to be getting team points for doing that. Those children that put a foot wrong and then put it right seem to get a lot of points. To be given team points as well as their god to be green would encourage

The awards and sanctions list has been sent out recently in the school newsletter.

The awards are for the children. If any teacher is concerned about a child then the parent will have been spoken to directly.

The Red cards are related to behaviour and the HT awards are given for good work. These are often decided early on in the week despite being given on a Friday. The two systems are not linked.

We understand that this could feel demoralising. Hopefully the bronze, silver and gold awards given for accumulating team points will ensure that individuals are recognised even if their team does not score highly. We will discuss this again in staff meetings.

We have noticed the pattern is that as the children move up through the school team points are not as freely given. We would expect this because as children get older they are expected to be more intrinsically motivated in preparation for Secondary school.

<p>children to continue behaving well when they go to secondary school.</p>	
<p>Home Learning:</p> <p>Google classrooms - There has been confusion around the introduction of Google Classrooms across the parents in all classes. One parent has suggested a demo video showing how navigation of the classroom works.</p> <p>There seems to be a difference in what you can do depending on the device that you are using. Does the school have any information about this?</p> <p>How much work should children be doing on Google classrooms and where can the work be found? Could you give us an update of what is provisionally planned for home learning should classes be isolating at home again. Some classes found lockdown learning difficult and parents are nervous as a result.</p>	<p>We will publish a reminder about this on the newsletter and also link parents to a You Tube video about using Google classrooms.</p> <p>If you are using Google Classrooms on an ipad you will need to download additional App to make it work. Please search your device's App store for this.</p> <p>If a class has to isolate at home, then the class teacher will be providing two live lessons a day via google meet and then additional work will be posted and responded to on Google Classrooms.</p>
<p>Winter:</p> <p>Classroom temperature: There are complaints that the classroom is getting cold and children are having to wear their coats in the classroom because the windows and doors are open. Will the ventilation continue into the colder weather and will children be able to wear additional clothing in school to compensate for the lower temperatures?</p> <p>Is there a plan for PE when there is bad weather? Will the children be able to go in and use the hall? When they tried this before there was a break out group using the hall.</p>	<p>Children are welcome to bring in additional layers to wear when the classroom gets colder.</p> <p>The hall is timetabled inside for each class for one PE session a week. PE is to be outside if at all possible so we are hoping that it will be used only minimally for PE.</p>
<p>School Events:</p> <p>School Class Photo: Parents are asking if there will be a class photo as well as the individual.</p> <p>Could Y6 have an answer to whether Osmington Bay is likely to ahead in March. They would like to have an update. If it is cancelled will they get their money back as PGL were in the press for not offering refunds.</p> <p>If Osmington Bay doesn't happen, will school be looking at an alternative trip?</p>	<p>Class photos usually happen at the end of the year. The photos this term are individual or school sibling photos only.</p> <p>We will chase about this and will get back to you with further information.</p> <p>See above</p>

<p>Dinners:</p> <p>School Meals - Size of packed lunches are still quite small. Parent doesn't think they are big enough for the children in the upper school.</p> <p>Hot dinners: A lot of schools have progressed to hot dinners. Is there a plan for this to happen at Grazeley?</p>	<p>We will share this with Caterlink who provide the meals.</p> <p>There was an update on Friday regarding this.</p>
<p>Class Specific Questions:</p> <p>Hazel Class:</p> <p>Flames the Dragon: A note about how flames work would be useful.</p> <p>Oak Class:</p> <p>Do Oak class do art lessons?</p>	<p>We will ask Miss Hannington to send this information home.</p> <p>They have had very little so far due to the way the new curriculum is structured but they will be doing more DT and art during the second half of this term. The main term for teaching art is the summer term and they will be doing a lot more in that term.</p>
<p>Positive Feedback:</p> <p>Parents really liked the video and it was really nice to see their children at work in the classroom. Other videos like this would be really nice.</p>	
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Is there a way that parents would receive more communication from school? During lockdown the parents appreciated the email contact from teachers. Could parents have teachers emails so that they could continue with this? Parents are missing the contact with teachers.</p> <p>When do parents get informed about sanctions for their child at school. Parents would like to know if their child receives an amber warning as if they don't hear anything parents will think their child is doing well.</p>	<p>In the event of a lockdown teachers will be available via email again, however please continue to use the admin email address to contact teachers at this time.</p> <p>Parents will always get told via a phone call if their child receives a red card. Teachers won't contact parents if their child receives an amber warning as this is just that - a warning and so no sanction is given unless they repeat the behaviour. Occasionally a teacher</p>

may speak to a parent if a yellow card has been issued but again, the sanctions for this are all school related and parents don't need to be contacted.

Date for next meeting: Monday 30th November 1.30pm