

Parent Forum Meeting

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Minutes	Action
<p>Parent Survey The main picture from the parents is that they are happy with the school. Areas to improve are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School App <p>Mrs Chitroda is working on improving what is available on the APP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework - Lunches <p>What we have found is that some of the parents are just ticking boxes without understanding what they are doing. APP doesn't always work but parent pay emails are working. Notifications in the wrong order – newest at the end rather than at the top, scrolling is an issue. Approximately 80 parents on Classlist (infants and juniors combined)</p>	<p>Please could PF reach out to the parents to ensure that they are subscribed to the APP.</p>
<p>Lunches The recent survey had a few parents comment that lunches could be improved. It would be beneficial to invite Suzanne to a meeting to discuss some options and also explain to us the constraints the kitchen is under. We think it is easier to ask Suzanne questions about the lunch menu and restrictions etc. Main focus – portion size and variety. Sometimes the children are still hungry. Themed meals possibly? More macaroni cheese please. (Children really like it)</p>	<p>EE to invite Suzanne to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Homework This is a regular item with parents. There are some parents who feel homework is too much and others who think it isn't enough. We were talking with some teachers from Belgium who said that they have homework free weekends to ensure children don't get stressed and there is a family life. We all thought this was a very good idea, especially as we are intending to have a school development plan on Well-Being. We are very interested in getting Skoolbo and Timetables Rockstars which are online maths and English programs. The children have tried them out and are very keen to be able to use these at home too. The x</p>	<p>AN and EE to tell staff about holiday homework. We will buy Skoolbo and X tables for next term. AN to order the homework booklets in readiness for September. School to look at the price difference between mathletics and Skoolbo.</p>

tables website is very useful as next year Yr4s will need to take x tables tests on line. The children have said they find the programs exciting. If parents like this idea we would like to purchase these websites through the use of some of the funds raised by the PTFA.

94% of people on the survey ticked they liked the homework books but most people thought there was too much homework over the holiday.

Parents agreed some of the projects were too much for a week off – longer projects should be over the two week holidays or give parents longer. Parents feel Thursday to Tuesday homework is ok as they can avoid using the weekend if they want to. Parents feel the amount of reading is ok – reading is necessary to develop vocabulary. Boys in particular like the competition element of the AR. Younger children are not using the note books as much as older children. The school is looking to develop and focus on the vocabulary from next year. Parents use dictionary and ipads when the children find a word they don't know – this is important but also important to use the inference strategies to develop skills if no dictionary is available. It was suggested that we-introduce the word of the day and word books.

Are the homework book ok? Too easy for some, suggestion of paid club after school for tuition/ club – what impact does this have on wellbeing?

Homework books should be ordered.

Skoolbo and times table rock stars will also adjust to the ability of the child so can produce more challenge – this is something we would like to fund with PFTA money. We will look at the price difference with Athletics as parents prefer this.

Privacy Notices and Consent

As of 25th May, the GDPR comes into effect. All schools have to be compliant. There is much to do. We need to explain to parents about the data we hold and what we do with it. Parents have the right to refuse to give information unless it means we cannot have their children in our school- some data we absolutely need. Information such as ethnicity is not necessarily vital but it is used to monitor the progress of different groups of children. At the end of letter we need to have a slip to say parents have received this information and understood it. This information is needed and must be kept as evidence.

As Parent Voice Volunteers it is helpful if you tell parents about the GDPR and that we are sending these Privacy Notices.
School to send Privacy Notices to all parents.

<p>Naturally some parents will not understand the letter so we will need to get this translated. Are any parents able to do this?</p> <p>We will run a stall at the Fete so that parents can learn more about the GDP.</p> <p>As Parent Voice Volunteers it is helpful if you tell parents about the GDPR and that we are sending these Privacy Notices.</p> <p>Everyone, including schools, must send a privacy notice about what data we hold and why we have this data. We also need to get your consent.</p> <p>Neena will be at the summer fayre to answer questions but we need banners in other languages and possibly other people available to answer in other languages.</p>	
<p>E-Safety Training</p> <p>As mentioned beforehand we have arranged for e-safety training. It is provided by an outside provider. Please encourage parents to come to the training – 28th June, 6-7. We will try to arrange a crèche.</p>	<p>Please inform the parents about the importance of attending this meeting.</p> <p>Please spread the word – this is a very important meeting.</p>
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