

Parents' Council

Thursday February 10th 2022 @ 7pm

Via Teams

Agenda

Attendees	Apologies
Katherine Ramsden - Acorn Sylwia Duniec – Conkers Sophia Matthew – Catkins Hannah Rourke – Hawthorn Kimberly Preston – Holly Katherine Ramsden – Laurel Simon Henry – Douglas Emma Turland –Pine Danielle Reed – Spruce Kelly Houltyby - Apple Kimberly Preston – Cherry Danielle Read – Cedar Vacant Position –Maple Kirsty Berry – Ash Francesca Mills – Beech Sonella Hessling – Beech Sathish Panguluru – Sycamore Vacant Position – Horse Chestnut Vacant Position – Oak Becky Moran – Silver Birch Mrs Jane Le Poidevin Mrs Sonia Aldridge Miss Steff Merrick Miss Charlotte Withers	Shuchi Agarwal – Acer Abhijeet Singh – Hawthorn

No	Item	Owner
1	Welcome	JLP
	Nice to see you all.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting (141021)	JLP
	Last met on 14 th October. Homework – reintroduce bingo boards after half term. Some parents want these. It is not compulsory. They will be different to how they were last year during Covid. So, watch out for these. No more Certificates – Katy Brown put this on the newsletter, parents now understand what we mean by 'Children have a tree and	



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	<p>our getting leaves', so that's been very helpful. We are now going to be using postcards in the shape of a leaf to send home.</p> <p>Scooters and Bikes in the bike shed - we are hoping to move them but not just yet. Lots of the scooters are from squirrels so we are hoping to speak to them and get squirrels to have their own. SA is sorting that.</p> <p>Show and tell – we have said no. We do not do this at school.</p> <p>Swimming – Parents seem to be happy. Positive feedback, children are really enjoying it. Couple of people have asked, are the groups swapping. JLP - No the groups are not swapping. The children have 8 minutes to get changed and they are being amazing in that time frame.</p> <p>Whole School Trip – we are looking to complete this. 625 children to take them on a trip. Sonia is currently talking to coach companies to look into this.</p> <p>School Lunches – Sonia has spoken to the kitchen regarding issues from our last meeting.</p> <p>Starters guide – A parent mentioned that we don't have a starter guide for children who join half way through the school year. Which is very true. We give people a prospectus, but never include logins etc. Admin are in the process of sorting a document we could use. Jane is ensuring documents from the past are up to date before they go out. (these were made in the past where parents made a document to advice new parents of what the expect in that year group).</p> <p>Parent Evening – Spring term this will be virtual via TEAMS.</p> <p>Class Assemblies – How do you feel they have gone? Does it work well doing it in smaller groups? Per Year groups? Parent mentioned they would like to have the 3 performances and potentially choose when they would like to come. (As people cannot necessarily attend certain days because of work)</p> <p>Covid Updates – 20-30 cases between Christmas. 2 weeks of no cases among staff. We are down to under 10 in cases with the children. We have three days this week with pupils over 600! It feels much better. We are not waiting for the updated guidance and waiting to see what Boris would like to do.</p> <p>Year 1 - Can now access school from the Reception way if needed.</p>	
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	<p>Safe and active travel - They are re-writing our green travel plan. We have a meeting tomorrow to talk about parking around school. We now have new lines painted outside the school. The chief health and safety asked why staff are on duty in the morning. Kelly is happy for things to be sent to her if people have things that have been witnessed or ideas to help with the parking issues.</p> <p>Extracurricular activities – We are trying to ensure children have access to clubs throughout the year. SA - We know that this is difficult when new children start – we cannot easily accommodate new children as lots of clubs are full and they don't want to go to the clubs available. Some children don't attend clubs and we have waiting lists.</p> <p>Reading Diaries – Children need to take them home and bring the reding logs back into school. Some children were not taking books home. Not sure if the children are just losing them or not being given the books. JLP – I will speak to teachers.</p> <p>We have been looking at the main concerns in Parent Council for the past 12 months, they seem to be the same. Drop off and pickup points, parent evenings, parking, lunches, homework,</p>	
3	<p>Feedback on The Orchard – how is it working?</p> <p>Generally, people are happy with it. It is much better, its looks better and the children enjoy it a lot more.</p> <p>Issues:</p> <p>Booking the Orchard - Last week I found it tricky. Booking multiple children is really hard when reviewing specially when you are booking lots of dates. Is there a way to pay on a different system? SA - No, the Orchard is separate to the school.</p> <p>The system works well and paying is easy. You have to you through each day with each child. SA– Use a desktop, it's easier, if you use your phone it is a lot more straightforward. Maybe try not to use the app?</p> <p>Why can I not change my booking last minute? SA - Parents need to give 24hour notice when booking, as we need to make sure we are in ratio.</p>	JLP/SA



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4	<p>Online Safety – what can we do to help you as parents understand the risks?</p> <p>I am concerned that children may be accessing things that are not appropriate. So, what can we do to help you guys at home? Is it enough that we put stuff in the newsletters? Or do we need to do workshops.</p> <p>Parent – I would like workshops, I see things online, but there isn't enough.</p> <p>Parent – I would agree. Some sort of workshop would be great. It is proved some people don't read the newsletter. Also, we could listen to people who know more about it and ask lots of questions.</p> <p>Parent – Do you cover it in assembly? JLP – Yes, we cover it all the time in school assemblies and in Jigsaw. This is more about making parents aware.</p> <p>Parent – I don't think the newsletter is enough, I think talking about it is great. Some people think it isn't relevant to them. Can we send out emails? But again, I don't think people read them. The children are getting younger and younger and picking things up.</p> <p>As much as we do this with the children, they don't necessarily listen and think it will happen to them. Parents need to know what could happen. Lots of children have phones now and we need to support them where possible.</p> <p>Parent – If there is a workshop could this be put on the YouTube channel? Some children are playing games that are not appropriate. My child came home and said that they were playing 'squid games'. Can we do something about this?</p> <p>Parent – Slideshow of children – that shocked parents. I have read about it before and heard that it really gave parents the message.</p> <p>Parent – The parents you want to target may not attend. Therefore, can you tag it alongside another event to get the parents more aware.</p> <p>JLP - I think we may do physical ones if we can. We will also do some recording ones (hopefully an expert) and upload these for you to see.</p>	JLP
5	<p>How do we re-introduce parental engagement? What would parents like to see happen?</p>	JLP



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	<p>Parents have obviously been kept out of the loop because of Covid. What would you like us to do to keep you updated and more involved in the school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent Assemblies. JLP – We are doing these already. - Coffee Mornings? Can we do these to meet other parents? JLP – Yes I like that idea. We could do this at 2.30 in Brambles as the children in Brambles will have gone home. - Author visits – Can the parents get involved too? - Parents coming into school for the afternoon, Work in the classroom, had lunch in school too. Can you do a classroom at a time instead of a year group at a time? <p>Positives: The children loved going to Ashlawn – so thank you for that!</p>	
6	Suggestions for improvements from parents	All
	<p>Reception –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Happy with Miss Nicholson - Can the teachers get the children to stop having a jacket potato everyday? JLP – We do, but that is the child's choice. <p><u>Year 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After school clubs. Football on a Wednesday got cancelled very last minute. Parents were not very happy. - Laurel – Children do PE with Mr Print, but when it is their other PE day they go in their PE kit and they don't do PE on that day because they are not getting work done on time that day. JLP – We will look into this. - Would be good to know more about the new Headteacher. Will the new head follow in the same way. JLP – In terms of recruitment, we are showing people round alongside a governor. 2-day interview process by staff and governors. The governors are clear and don't think they would employ someone who would have a different vision. I would like to hope it would continue. Our policies work as they are. - Can we have more information about Covid? Do the schools have Co2 monitors. JLP – All windows are open and we do have Co2 monitors in classrooms. - Library – Will it reopen soon. JLP – It is our isolation station currently. We haven't been able to use it. Hoping to when Boris changes the rules. - Reading levels. Parents are not aware of their reading levels. What do the different levels mean. JLP – We focus more on 	



their phonics. CW – Teachers in Year 1 will send a level chart home, but you can also use Bug Club to help you.

Year 2

- Why is my child playing with children that are older? JLP – This may be play leaders/mental health ambassadors.
- Year 2 assemblies. Everyone loved them and are very happy.
- Interventions for SATS. Mr Goodbody is good; the children are really enjoying going.

Year 3

- The Black Rock – The children did it last year, are they doing it again? Are we revisiting it or doing it again by accident?
- Bike Shed – I know we need more facilities, but maybe can we have a sign to say this is the bike shed and this is the scooter shack?
- Parking – People don't seem to be listening because people are still driving onto the school site and collecting their children from clubs. Is there a way we can stop this? JLP – We have stated this on numerous occasions. I will put it on the newsletter again and make it a priority.
- Management of a broken bone by the school was great. RA completed and they felt safe sending their children

Year 4 - Nothing

Year 5

- Parents coming into read. Can they come in again soon? JLP – Yes, we are currently DBS swimming people. We are going to wait for restrictions to lift and then let you in.
- Lost Property – Are parents not allowed in school to look. Apparently, the Office are turning people away. JLP – No they can come in. SA – There is no central location, may be worth talking to teachers. Email the parents and they can help.
- Can Year 5 have a sleepover before the end of the year? JLP – No, we have too much going on. We cannot do catch up.
- Swimming – I used to help years ago – I think its so much better doing it in two weeks.
- REACH TIME – Obviously the children build up their REACH time. Some children were messing around and the whole class missed out. Is this standard? JLP – REACH time is individual time. This is in Beech and Sycamore Classes. Jane will speak to staff.
- Miss Solomon, she is great, she has been unbelievably brilliant, we wish her the best of luck.



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	Year 6 - Happy with Mr Hickling, he is making the children's final year amazing. Very impressed.	
7	AOB	All
	- Will the children be getting certificates for NumBots soon? J.B	