



Parents' Council

Wednesday 15 March @ 6:30-8pm

Agenda/Minutes

Attendees		Apologies
Acorns Luke Parry Catkins Marta Jankowska Conkers Afzal Shabbir Hawthorn Jac Parsons-Moore (Partner) Laurel Tad Zapasnik & Sophia Matthew Holly Janak Kailey Douglas Kimberly Preston Pine Hannah Rourke Pear Emma Turland Cherry - Dr Y Rahul & Laura Morgan Acer Kimberly Preston Cedar & Maple Kelly Houlby Ash Danielle Reed Beech Shelley Porter-Good Silver Birch Sathish Panguluru Horse Chestnut Francesca Mills Oak Kirsty Berry Ms Kate Guymer Miss Steff Merrick Miss Charlotte Withers Miss Sonia Aldridge		Catkins Nicola Granger Acorns Faye Roberts Conkers Suzanne Swan Hawthorn Fatima Jabalpurwala Spruce Katherine Ramsden Apple Simon Henry Ash Nadia Mogul Beech Mr Buck Sycamore Beckie Reeves Horse Chestnut Sonella Hessling
No	Item	Owner
1	Welcome	KGu
2	Minutes of the last meeting 18 November 2022	KGu
	<p>YouTube videos- we haven't done more YouTube videos, but we have started to use DOJO. We are doing class assemblies too. We are doing what we can to involve parents more.</p> <p>Budget reminders – These have been sorted</p> <p>Living Streets – work is going on for signs and parking. We are doing a walk to school week in May. Mrs Barnes is working on this as our community person. Grand opening of the cycle huts coming soon.</p> <p>Club cancellations – It's hard to cover clubs when people are off. We have spoken about it but sometimes it is hard to move them to another club. We try to cover the clubs when possible.</p>	

	<p>Subject overviews – timetables are on the website, it should prompt conversations at home. On the website we have updated the curriculum pages. We are trying to make sure everything is important.</p> <p>Staffing – if people are off we plan people in advance, however if someone is off unplanned it is harder to cover at such short notice, which is when we have to rely on supply cover.</p> <p>PE sessions – we have spoken about them being missed with staff and hopefully it is not happening anymore.</p> <p>Behaviour chart – this is under review. We are talking about whether the trees have a good impact. There will be more coming soon as we want parent voice.</p> <p>Surgery after school – we are looking into it.</p> <p>School council – We want new people to have a chance each year so it isn't always the same people.</p> <p>Orchard booking – should be easier to use and help us with staffing. We have now said that parents have to book in advance. Booking more flexibly incurs higher costs but supports staffing better.</p> <p>Playground equipment – a box has been provided for the children to use. The Year 5 now have moved to the main playground, which means now Year 6 have more space.</p> <p>Library Club – Not started it yet. We are hoping to use the quad as a quiet space for the children to access if they do not want to go outside. This will be by invite only, initially. This is a comfortable calm space and rules will be in place.</p> <p>Year 6 – we have been given information about Mocks. World Book Day was also moved so Year 6 could join in. The children loved it. Well Done Ashleigh Merrick.</p> <p>Class instead of Tree name – This has changed now, so emails are now saying Year group.</p>	
3	Communication	
	<p>Apps – Lots of parents have asked why can we not have all the information in one place. We are such a big primary school – we are probably more of a small secondary school.</p> <p>We are looking into introducing a school app. <u>SchoolApp</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows messages relevant to you. • You can filter stuff if you want to. • Home screen will show important dates. • You can save dates to your calendar. • Information about the school on the main page. • Bottom tab (home, content, calendar, messages, profile) • Recently added content. • You can book parents evening appointments • Book afterschool clubs 	SA/KG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term dates • Accessing school website • Book before and after school • Pay for lunches (it will take you to PAY365) • It will remind you of upcoming events. • If we change anything, it will update you. • This updates us who is reading content. If people miss it, this will be resent if told. • Permission forms, this will be linked to your child. • Absence reporting. You can also report general absence if needed. <p>Everything that is relevant will be there and take you to the correct place.</p> <p>Sometimes people update their details but forget to let us know. This app will allow parents/carers to change details easily– this will then update us so we know of any changes.</p> <p>We can suspend people if we need to stop them gaining access to the app.</p> <p>We haven't decided on the attendance side. We won't be using the app for behaviour.</p> <p>We will try and use it after Easter, but not fully. The plan to use it full time will hopefully be by June. But we are learning how to use it. Therefore, it will be gradually introduced.</p> <p>This provider will help us change our website and update it where necessary. The website will look very similar to the app.</p> <p>DOJO - It is very new. We don't want to jump into everything. We have set up the profiles. Now we are making learning more visual. Class Dojo does have a behaviour system, we are hoping to link that to our school rules/ethos. We know consistency is very important, we are going steady and trying to use it right. We do want to come back to asking for photo permission. We want to use photographs with faces on Class Dojo. We love the joy you see in their faces is lovely to see, so why do why hide this. Parents are happy with Class Dojo.</p> <p>Snow Day – System went down, this was not our fault. We did decide the conditions in Rugby were not good. Staff were asked, if they can send resources home. If we had more than 24 hours of snow, we may have to look into online learning, but 24 hours is not enough time to prep and change things by a class teacher.</p>	
4	Current School Priorities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics • Communication • Planning for next year • Learning environment – lots of painting happening • Learning environment – using display boards appropriately. • New wall mural (history linked) • New Maths scheme is working well. • New Phonics scheme is working well. 	KG

5	Suggestions for improvements *	All
	<p>Will we have any new building work? (sports hall/community space) Sonia - no</p> <p>Are you looking at changing into an academy? Its always something we have to think about. This is a very big decision, it wont ever be taken lightly. It is part of the government plan for 2030. Crucial change of working could affect plans?</p> <p>Staff Absence – Can we be told before? Parents were being told mixed messages from different people. If we know people are off we can plan in advance. We try to use consistently good supply where necessary. If people are off long term, we can manage this easier. We have to respect staff if they are off poorly. We are trying to give the correct information where necessary.</p> <p>Driveway – Lots of problems We have a rota. We will be looking to close the gate so it is more visual.</p> <p>SLT – Lots of absences Lots of staff were off last term, but hopefully this won't be frequent moving forward.</p> <p>Can the cost of residential trips be spread over time? Yes, we need to help parents spread the money. We will look at sending out the costs earlier. The experience that the children have is amazing, we know the cost is a lot, however it took lots of my staff out to support these trips. We are thinking of maybe moving the trips further apart. We are hoping to continue these, but we are not fully sure how it will work. We want to spread the cost and the experiences through their time at Paddox.</p> <p>Information for Year 2 about SATS – Will talk to Ashleigh Merrick</p> <p>Homework - No expectations for it to be completed. Will complete a parent/pupil voice survey to find out more.</p> <p>Children in Year 2, concerned about spelling, how can they be helped? – Will talk to Year 2 teachers</p> <p>Mixing classes – We are looking to mix the classes. We would make sure that was done correct using the correct transition period. We want a balance of ability, SEND and personality. (Year 2 probably will happen) (Year 4, again may happen). We want the children to be our main priority.</p>	
7	AOB – Please notify in advance	All
	<p>Laurel – Not a big issue, however can children not sit in their band's colours. Sonia – They sit as they sit down. Red and green dinners are served one side of the hall. Brown and blue at the other side. When the children have collected their lunch, they sit in the next available seat.</p> <p>Can you change to a packed lunch when you want? Kate – yes, if you want a packed lunch one day, you bring in. The children order food on the morning if they are having a hot dinner.</p>	

	<p>Douglas – Lunch trolley not there at the end of the day. Kate – because of TA absence, it hasn't been moved.</p> <p>Pine – If it was a snow day and the snow went, would we be able to open late? The children wouldn't be able to order lunches in time for them to be cooked/made.</p> <p>Reading books – very inconsistent, they have not been coming back or changed. How after should they be read? Kate – I will talk to Mr Goodbody about books and check the website for reading.</p> <p>Mr Goodbody Assistant head – needs to be communicated. Lots of parents concerned about him not being in class on Wednesday and this was not communicated.</p> <p>Ash - Thank you for the Year 5 residential.</p> <p>Blue menu choice – it has changed. Why? Sonia – Because of the portion size. So, it is now the rolls.</p> <p>Horse Chestnut – Thank you for the residential</p> <p>Oak – Can we get the hoodies early? Kate – The Year 6 teachers sort this. I will talk to them.</p> <p>Message to parents</p> <p>Kate – Would you be happy for the 11+ to be offered through an external provider on our Paddox site?</p> <p>Parent Council parents seem happy. If it gives the school money, we can benefit and use the money within school.</p>	
8	Date of next meeting	All

*it would be helpful if reps. were able to filter out the issues that need dealing with at class teacher level and perhaps group similar subjects/suggestions for improvements – Please can these be sent to KGu by Friday 10 March to guymmer.k1@welearn365.com so that they can be organised in terms of response.