

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Friday October 6th, 2020 @ 1400

Attendees: Rebecca Powell (FS), Charlie Barr (1), Olivia Brannigan (1/3), Alice Strudwick (3), Liz Maddison (3/6) Leonie Willis (5/6) Marc Davison (5), Jenny Hutt (gov), Polly Quinton (head)

Apologies: Louisa Stockley (4/5), Emily McMichael (2)

Issue	Discussed	Action
HT - communications: quantity, quality, consistency, helpful methods of comms	<p>PQ considering a revamp of website to become more of a one-stop shop. Parent-mails going out. Thinking about using twitter/FB. PC fed back the newsletter is a good medium and not sure twitter/FB would be an effective medium.</p> <p>Continue proactive comms, PC feel that comms have been great so far and meet the parents was very effective. ? a termly zoom meet the parents to be discussed at SLT by PQ</p>	PQ to consider putting a bit more info about events on the newsletters.
HT - next schools guidance	<p>Do we want recommendations/advice from PQ re childs best direction for secondary school eg should they consider Grammar over Lord Williams over private school</p> <p>PC think this is a good idea</p>	PQ to consider post Christmas
HT – Uniform Policy	<p>Is the uniform smart enough or too smart....?</p> <p>PC feel uniform is smart enough but lots of issues brought up about the supplier and quality of uniform</p>	PC to speak to heads in Thame Partnership to see if anyone can recommend a uniform supplier
Yr 6 – why do children have to bring home packed lunch waste	There is a cost to the school for waste disposal and budget wise the school is not able to afford the additional cost. This also gives parents the opportunities to monitor how much the child is eating	
Yr – 6 only do two pieces of grid each week until transfer test is completed to allow children breathing space?	School wants children to do schoolwork as a priority and this is supporting learning to prepare them for secondary school. If you want to put your child for 11+ the work needs to be done outside of schoolwork.	
Yr 6 - 'Naughty Book' - does this exist? And what are the processes/consequences	The school runs two books. There is a book of excellence and a book of communications from lunchtime supervisors. This is for accidents/conflicts/issues that occur at	

	lunchtime. This has been communicated to all the children at assembly	
Yr 6 – Is there a problem with logging into the new laptops? Reports of it taking a very long time	The teachers were not aware of each child having to use the same laptop each week as having to set up the correct desktop. This issue should then fall by the wayside	
Yr 6 – rumours of changing class names – is this correct?	PQ is considering changing house/class names to something more relevant to the school. Tree names are being considered	Further info will come out through parentmail.
Yr 3 – can we use zoom for parents evenings?	The school is not able to offer multiple zooms at the same time due to a lack of bandwidth. Also want it to be smooth and easy as only 10 mins available in each session.	
Yr 3 - Policies Is the Teaching and Learning policy being reviewed this year? Will the school be drafting a More Able and Talented policy?	Work being done this term to make sure that that school is ready for OFSTED as they could be coming from January. Part of this is reviewing school policies.	
Yr 3 - Reading What are the expectations for reading in class for each year group (e.g. guided reading, whole class reading, reading to a teacher or TA)? Can we have clear advice about the skills a child should secure at each book band level?	There is appetite for more parent engagement with what/how different subjects are taught. This is something that PQ would look at introducing next term.	Mrs Jennings to send an update to parents as English Lead on how the school teaches english
Yr 3 – Bubbles. Conflicting ideas about “bubbles” within the school. Eg one class teacher told the whole school is a bubble, and another told just the class is a bubble. Is there one toilet per class or can they use multiple?	School is looking at how bubbles are running and further info will come out from the school shortly, once SLT/staff/governors have discussed and agreed. Risk assessments must reflect what is reasonable and what is possible	
Yr 3 – Assessments What is the assessment timetable for this year?	Yr 1 and up will be having standardized assessments in Nov/Summer – reading, writing, math’s. Helps identifies gaps to inform teaching. Will be interesting to see how lockdown has affected learning. Only if any issues are raised will the school share with individual parents	

Child Safety in the car park at pickup around the KS1 pick up point	Parents are being asked to not to be on site inappropriately	
Year 2 – Eco Club Can we please continue to run eco club at school in the same way that other school clubs are running by external providers E.g. craft club, tennis etc? As we are an Eco School, it's so important to instil the eco friendly values in the children. Yr 2 had 18 volunteers to be eco reps so the enthusiasm is there!		PQ to investigate resurrecting eco club
Yr 2 - is there an update on when hot school meals will be up and running again?	This will be restarting after half term	
Yr 2- TA	There is a plan that a TA will be starting Russel M/T Edmonds W/Th/F. This may need to change if there are staff absences or restructure over the year	
Yr 2 - are bars of soap or liquid soap being used for hand washing? Parent raised a query as to whether a bar of soap used by lots of children was hygienic enough?	Bars of soap most effective and recommended by government for children's handwashing. Parents are encouraged to send boxes of tissues into school for their children as this is causing a significant financial burden on the school	
Yr 5 – Are the teachers planning to use zoom/teams for live teaching if another lockdown occurs?	Letter coming out next week with the remote learning plan.	
AOB	None Raised	

Date for next meeting: 11th December 1430