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Parent Forum Meeting

Date: Thursday 12th February	Time: 2-3:00pm	Location: Library
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Attendees

- Mr Beach (Headteacher)
- Mrs Baltera (EYFS & KS1)
- Mrs Ryan (KS1)
- Mrs Hobbins (UKS2)
- Mrs Pugh (KS1, LKS2 & Chair of Governors)
- Mrs Jeffery (KS1, EYFS & Co-Chair of FOGGS)
- Mrs Ivory (UKS2)

Key: H/T = Headteacher

Item	Topic & Discussion	Actions
1.	Welcome to Parent Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/introductions 	
2.	Ofsted Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion following the Ofsted inspection on 12th & 13th January and published report card. • A letter was shared with parents explaining the new framework and judgements. <p>Summary of discussion: Parents felt the inspection reflected the school well and was very positive.</p>	
3.	Birthday Sweets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback had been shared from a few parents prior to this meeting about sweets being handed out for children's birthdays and the regularity of sweets being handed out. <p>Summary of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H/T shared that in previous schools he has worked in, another alternative to sweets is donating a book for the class library. • From discussing this with other Headteachers there are different expectations in each school. • Biscuits or party bag toys are an alternative as well. • School position is we would prefer if possible no sweets and if you would like your child to bring something in either a book for the class library or party bag toy is preferred but we will not enforce a ban. The only exception is no nuts. If chocolate where this may contain nuts comes in, it will not be handed out due to allergies and being a nut free school. • Children will not be able to eat treats in school and will be sent home for parents to make a judgement call on if they want their child to have them. 	



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<p>4.</p>	<p>Vision Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following on from the newsletter, MB shared the updated vision statement that captures the new tagline 'Small School - Big Heart - Great Start' <p>Summary of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed this captures the school and the mission statement well 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Invacuation/Lockdown Procedure</p> <p>H/T shared the draft procedure and supporting letter for parents. Discussion took place about this being common practice in schools and the Department for Education's guidance on protective security and ensuring schools are prepared for the very unlikely event that we need to implement this.</p> <p>Summary of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents thought the letter was clear and understood the rationale for needing a lockdown procedure. Parents were aware of the national press around incidents where lockdown procedures were used and how they are important for safety. Discussion took place around the low gate on the playground. H/T said the low gate is factored into our playground risk assessment and is a vulnerable point to the site. H/T explained he has been in contact with the Diocese to find out if there are any restrictions on changing this gate. MB plans to provisionally put forward a bid for funding next year to improve security by changing this gate and renewing fencing where needed. 	<p>H/T to send out copy of lockdown procedure after half term with accompanying letter</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Clubs (discussion)</p> <p>How are things going with current provision?</p> <p>Kiddle Arts and Crafts Popular and continue to next term</p> <p>Talent X Football No specific feedback</p> <p>Cheerleading: Saracens No specific feedback</p> <p>Recorder- We had low take up so this has not run. Any thoughts on getting this going for Summer? Perhaps on a Thursday there may be more interest Monday-Wednesday have popular clubs.</p> <p>Boxmoor Yoga Yoga is quite quiet/numbers relatively low</p>	



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	<p>General: H/T shared that currently we do not charge external providers to run clubs to keep costs as low as possible for parents. Discussion was had around seeing if clubs can run until 4:30pm to support those parents who have booked a sibling into After School Club</p> <p>Ideas for Summer: Coding, Team Sports or Lego - check at Broadfield School regarding the provider for Lego club that is provided there. There was a discussion around providing clubs at lunch time but we do not have flexibility within the staff structure to provide this. Discussed options such as lego and colouring in the outdoor classroom for children who may want a quieter lunch activity.</p> <p>It was suggested discussing with the children ideas for clubs next term.</p>	<p>Parents to send in any recommendations for clubs in Summer term</p> <p>H/T to speak with Mrs Redman and Playleaders Ask the chn for club ideas for the Summer Term</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Parking & Traffic Summary of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H/T has been in contact with the Safer Neighbourhood Team and Councillor. • The Safer Neighbourhood Team/Police will be completing visits and may issue tickets. • Discussion around initiatives to encourage parents to park at the Garden Centre and walk to the school eg. tallying number of children walking in, first class to reach 50 or 100 etc to have a reward. • Parents asked about whether Year 5&6 could walk down by themselves. It was agreed that Year 5 (from the Summer Term) and Year 6 could do this with parental consent (lone walking form would need to be completed and returned to school). NB: Parents take full responsibility for the children's safety if this was consented to. 	<p>H/T to discuss with Change Team</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>AOB Science week Summary of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Ryan is coming in to run Science week including an activity with each class (one afternoon each) • The week will end with a whole school experiment on the playground. • Mrs Ryan and H/T sent out a letter after half term to discuss the planned activities and agreed a suggested donation of £2 per child towards resources. <p>Pupil Leadership Summary of discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about clarifying roles and ensuring these are fairly distributed in terms of responsibilities/impact on school life. • Could Year 5 have more of a leading role in Church services together with Year 6? Yes - although our Year 6's naturally take more of a leading role as the oldest children. Discussion was had about other opportunities for public speaking eg. speeches, 	<p>H/T to send out letter after half term</p> <p>H/T to re-establish these after half term and ensure roles are clear</p>



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	<p>presentations in class instead of show and tell.</p> <p>Swimming plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed that swimming will take place in the Summer Term every year for children in Key Stage 2. This will be in rotation with gymnastics.• The National Curriculum states we must provide swimming instruction in either Key Stage 1 or 2 but does not specify the frequency of this instruction and is a school level decision. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-physical-education-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-physical-education-programmes-of-study#swimming-and-water-safety</p> <p>Changing for KS1 separately</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We currently only separate boys and girls in Key Stage 2.• The Coleen Corner could be used	<p>H/T to discuss with Mrs Lilley (Upper School Senior Teacher)</p> <p>MB to discuss with Miss Carty (Lower School Senior Teacher)</p>
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Date & Time of the next meeting:

Date: 16th April Time: 9-10:00am