

Minutes of the Parent Partnership Group Meeting



DATE: Thursday 26th May 2022
TIME: 9.30 a.m.
VENUE: The Staffroom
CHAIR: Rebecca Shuttle (Deputy Headteacher)
Present: Fiona Atkins (Family Support Worker),
Rebecca Quaggin-Mitchell, Chidem Aliss, Felix's Mum and
Elliot's Mum

1. Residential trips

- The residential trips have been reviewed and there will now be a 2 night trip in Year 5 and a 4 night trip in Year 6. This will help with homesickness and costs for parents, and give the children an opportunity to try out a shorter residential first.
- The Year 6 trip will be to Kingswood on the Isle of Wight
- The Year 5 trip will be to New Barn in Dorchester. RS to look at Avon Tyrell and also reintroducing the Tile Barn trip at the end of Year 6.
- Distance / ease of travel to the Isle of Wight was discussed, getting there in an emergency. It was debated but general thought was that it would be no more difficult than previous trips to France.
- A new provider is being looked at for future Year 6 trips, which is approximately a 3 hour drive. This was deemed to be an appropriate distance and would not cause too many issues.

2. Parents Evening

- The format of parents evenings were discussed. Zoom was used during Covid and it has now returned to face to face. The pros and cons of both were discussed, it is nice to be able to come in see the children's work, but practical reasons and timings are a factor that Zooms helps with.
- It was suggested that the October half term would be on Zoom and the February / March one would be face to face. The end of year meeting / picnic to meet new teachers was also discussed, and RS will look into the preparation for this.

3. Home learning on See Saw

- The IT side of using See Saw was discussed. Some parents find it hard to access and there is also a feeling that children are on screens a lot. However, a lot of children do actually enjoy using See Saw and particularly like the comments received back from teachers which is motivating.

- RS suggested a parents workshop to show parents how to access it. Mrs Q-M suggested a group of parents that can be available to help others, a kind of working group to help others fully utilise and access the package.
- It was decided that a survey would be sent out to parents to gain opinions, and potentially homework will be set on See Saw with paper copies available for those who prefer that.
- RS will also look into the possibility of using Google Classroom.

4. Social Media

- A School Facebook page was discussed, and it was felt this would be a really positive thing. Events and school details could be included, and shared by others.
- A Facebook private group was used for the Year 6 residential and it was well received. Residentials would still have a separate group to maintain confidentiality.
- Format of the page and confidentiality will be explored in order to take this further.
- The school website is being worked on and updated and this will be live soon. Email addresses for teachers will be added to the Who's Who page

5. Swimming

- The costs involved in keeping the swimming pool open and its viability were discussed.
- Filling it in and having a MUGA was one suggestion
- The children do love it and get so much from it, but the weather and other restrictions along with the financial side were discussed as to whether it is worthwhile.
- It was also discussed that more playground space would be beneficial and this will be explored.
- Having a roof on the pool would help it to be used more regularly and this could also mean external companies using the facility, but would involve a large initial outlay. Sponsorship and funding for this to be explored.

6. Safeguarding

- Safeguarding was discussed and whether appropriate information is shared. Parents felt that e-safety input was good.
- Different coloured lanyards for DSL's was suggested which was seen as a positive idea, so children know who to go to.
- Posters with faces on are displayed so that children are aware of who to talk to. It was raised that an old poster was in the outdoor classroom toilets and this will be changed.

- Children being heard when there is a dispute was raised. It was discussed that teachers can be spoken to hearing both sides, but it is also appropriate to talk to the children about waiting for their turn to speak. Conflict resolution was viewed as important.

7. Any other business

- Parent class representatives were discussed. This has been done before by FOBS and did work well, although it was hard to get enough people.
- . A new name was discussed for the PPG and some communication to parents about what is involved, and encouraging people to participate. Posters could be displayed to help to advertise the meetings.
- Meetings to be held every half term.