



Parent Council Meeting 02/05/2024

Present: Mrs Wass, Miss Bligh, Mrs Ali, Miss Ola, Mary, Sheryl

Meeting started at 1.30pm

- Welcome
 - LW welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
 - Current representation from different communities - Nicoleta (Romanian), Tania (Portuguese) and Ola (Polish).
 - Minutes to be shared with members following this meeting, agenda to be shared prior to the next meeting.
 - Minutes to also be shared with all staff as well as key points shared with staff during our next Monday morning briefing.

- Actions from the previous meeting
 - KB shared the progress from the last meeting's actions.
 - Last meeting, parents asked for policies to be easier to find on the website. HL has since altered this.
 - Parents asked for more variety in the timings for workshops, LW has arranged this.
 - Parents asked for Parent Council members and PTA to be more visible on the playground and to wear hi-vis vests, this is still in the process.
 - At the last meeting, it was brought up that parking often causes a problem in the morning. LW has since contacted the police and the council, banners and posters have been put up and more info shared. The staff rota has been revised to ensure staff are supervising. Road safety workshops have been arranged for all year groups.
 - Parents mentioned how they had noticed that parents also often try to drive down the school drive and get stuck at the barrier which caused issues, TC has since been taking a cone out to prevent this by blocking the driveway and also been checking who goes down the drive at key times.
 - It was suggested that we have a costume store in school for parents to donate old costumes for other children to borrow, KB is currently arranging this with TM. Info will be shared with parents soon.

- Attendance reward events - feedback
 - LW explained the importance of boosting attendance, currently our overall attendance is 92.3% with today's being 95%.
 - Positive feedback regarding the previous attendance reward events (tea party in Autumn and games afternoon in Spring).
 - LW asked for ideas for the end of Summer term event. Parents asked for something outside, LW spoke about developing links with Stoke and the potential of using their sports facilities.

- LPPA
 - LW reminded everyone that we are currently working towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award.
 - The assessment day for this is on the 23rd May.
 - LW spoke about the importance of sustaining parent voice and the parent partnership after this is complete.
 - LW explained the process for the assessment day. Asked for parent volunteers.

- Transition
 - LW explained the current things in place for Y6 - Y7 transition.
 - Today Y6 had their first transition workshop which focused on stress & anxiety (before SATs).
 - LW informed parents of upcoming events - coffee afternoon with Stoke head on the 26th June, transition workshops with Y7 lead from Stoke and ex pupils on 2nd & 3rd June.
 - LW also spoke about transition into Nursery, Nursery - Reception and Y6 - Y7. Explaining the current process and how we're developing this.
 - LW has already written and sent postcards to new Reception children. Meetings with parents have been changed from September to before the summer to build relationships before starting.
 - LW asked for feedback on all aspects of transition, parents explained that they don't think that 1 hour with children's new teachers is enough. LW explained that it will be longer this year, at least an afternoon.
 - LW also explained that there will be additional time with the new teacher for children who are vulnerable.
 - LW spoke about the importance of communication and keeping parents informed and updated during induction.
 - LW leads induction and meets with new starters. This includes a tour of the school, questionnaire, meeting the new class and teacher then a check in after 2 weeks.

- International Children's Day (24th May)
 - This will be a non-uniform day - link with transition & children will have the opportunity to dress up as a future career they would like.
 - Discussed ideas of something to do with families.
 - Potentially parents to come into classes and share their careers with children while doing an activity?
 - Also spoke about Y6 careers day during Summer 2. We will be inviting volunteers from different careers to speak with children about their jobs.
 - Asked for suggestions of volunteers - MP (LW), Postman (Sheryl), Librarian, Car Salesman (TC).

- AOB
 - KB shared details for a new morning 'drop and read' trial event. Positive feedback from parents.
 - LW shared details for the next Writing workshop - Thursday mornings 9am - 11.30am starting from the 23rd May for 7 weeks.
 - Positive feedback regarding the new online booking system for clubs.
 - Key dates shared -
 - 17/05 - SATs celebrations
 - 23/05 - LPPA assessment
 - 23/05 - Children's voices
 - 24/05 - Children's Day
 - 24/05 - Last day of Summer 1
 - 03/06 - First day of Summer 2
 - During Summer 2 - Crucial Crew (Y6), Arts & Culture week, Music day, Sports week, Meet the teacher afternoon, Y6 residential.
 - 19/06 - Class photos
 - 12/07 - Summer fayre
 - 12/07 - Reports out
 - 15/07 - Celebration events
 - 19/07 - Last day!

You said...	We did...
Parents would like the 'meet the teacher' to be longer.	LW is going to ensure this will be at least an afternoon for all children.
New club booking system - minor difficulties with booking different clubs for siblings.	ES is looking into this, and should be solved before Summer 2 when the clubs are next booked.

Next meeting - Thursday 13th June at 1.30pm

Meeting ended at 2.30pm