

14th May 2019

Parent Body Agenda

Attendees: Mrs Skinner-Headteacher, Mrs Whitehead-PA, Mrs West-Bursar, Miss Fullagar – Deputy, Kara Scott, Leida Melo Lyons, Justine Bruce, Cheryl McDowall.

Absences: Mr Bagnall, Mr Price, Rachael Cant, Mr Goosen, Michelle Humphrey, Laura Dillon.

<p>Feedback on actions from previous meeting</p>	<p>Communication: The colour coding on the school calendar has now been rectified and amended on the website calendar. Parents are able to filter their year groups to see relevant information.</p> <p>Junk Emails – Liaised with Mrs Cant about speaking with Mr Baker our IT support manager.</p> <p>Twitter/Facebook – Mr Fenniche and Mr Ware will be looking into this and the possible pros and cons of having this. It is an ongoing concern.</p> <p>There is an alert page on the school website – it has the latest news and events coming up. Parents need to scroll down to the bottom of the home page to view up and coming events.</p> <p>A regular contacts communications list: is ready to go on the Headteacher’s newsletter and will remain a permanent feature. There is a list of staff within the school and a page which shows who to direct queries to.</p> <p>Diary Dates: have been printed off and kept in reception for those who need it.</p> <p>Foundation Stage dates: are always on the newsletter (and therefore available) on the website for the dates we know of. We often reference special dates in the body of the newsletter as well. Foundation stage endeavour to put all important events on their newsletter with as much notice as possible and who is invited.</p> <p>Be more specific on the school calendar for whether parents are invited: We only put events on the calendar that parents are invited to; internal things for eg the ice-cream party are not put on there. However, the school office will endeavour to make it clearer as to whether parents are invited to the meetings/events</p>
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etc. Eg: parent body meetings are for class representatives only and not for all parents.

Linking permissions letters to the school calendar is not available at this time. School will continue to provide all letters/forms via parentmail. Duplicating this website is not required at the present time.

Top side gate access for pedestrians – Mrs Bruce had sent an email to the church and had received replies back on this. The church are not wishing to close the gates as this gives the impression of the Church not being accessible however they recognise that some speed calming measures would be appropriate.

The speed bumps would need to be positioned on the entrance into the church where the school's three parking spaces are. A meeting was scheduled with Mrs West and the church to discuss this, but unfortunately had to be cancelled as Mrs West was invigilating for SATs. The meeting is rescheduled for 24th May.

Access to the playground (gates near the blue room) Mr Knott is now doing this.

Road safety: school council have a new banner out the front of the school, Mrs West to contact the management company responsible for the retail park to ask if the banner could be put on their fence opposite the school where most of the parking offences occur.

The competition for parking banners has happened. The winners are being laminated and will be put on display around the school.

Mrs Skinner will ask school council to write to the Kent Messenger about the parking around the school to gain support. They provided coverage before when the school were campaigning for the pedestrian crossing.

Mrs Skinner has again contacted Maplesden and Maidstone Girls Grammar to ask for assistance with parking problems. Their coaches also park outside the school and this is also being addressed.

A group of parents have created an open Facebook page on their own terms (which is not linked to the school and the school have no jurisdiction over) to keep a note of repeat offenders. The information they gather will be put forward to the PCSO and Kent police and also forwarded to the local councillors in an

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	<p>attempt to gain support with this on-going issue. It is important however that this group remember to respect the confidentiality of any Brunswick House children (not including them in photographs).</p> <p>Mr Knott will open both gates at pick up and drop off times to help with the traffic flow at pick up and drop off.</p> <p>Path widening by Leeds class (year 3) – the quotes are coming. The fence can be done at anytime, however the tarmacking would need to be completed on a non-school day. Mrs West will be co-ordinating when this is to be carried out. Watch this space.</p> <p>Additional Bike storage – Mrs West has gained quotes for this and we are pleased to inform you that we have purchase bike storage for the front of the school. We hope to open it officially with the school council.</p>
<p>Helping the Homeless</p>	<p>The school supports many charitable causes. Porchlight is a charity the school help every two years. The last initiative required the children to make small cardboard houses that they decorated and coloured in themselves to collect money.</p> <p>We do lots of work with the Salvation army, each year we collect harvest boxes to be distributed in the local community and every Christmas the salvation army provide food boxes and sacks of toys for families that are in financial difficulty.</p> <p>We run lots of charity days, comic relief, odd socks day, slideaway (bereavement charity) sports relief to name a few.</p> <p>Will be having a charities section on the headteacher newsletter to list the charities we support.</p>
<p>Update on past cooking club</p>	<p>Cooking club was held for a term and it was very successful. Unfortunately, the person running it could not continue. This is something the school would like to carry on, so if there is anyone who knows of someone suitable please contact Mrs Whitehead in the school office. Whitehead.christina@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk They would need to hold their basic food and hygiene certificate.</p> <p>A parentmail will be sent out also to contact parents. Mrs Whitehead to action.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>9th July 2019</p>

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