

16th July 2019

Parent Body Agenda

Attendees: Miss Fullagar – Deputy, Mrs Whitehead-PA, Mrs West-Bursar, Kara Scott-Arundel, Leida Melo Lyons-Scotney, Timothy Price-Allington, Justine Bruce-Year 3, Cheryl McDowall – Hever

Apologies for Absences: Mr Goosen – Year 6, Mrs Humphrey – Deal, Laura Dillon – Windsor, Ian Bagnall – Year 2, Mrs Skinner-Headteacher, Mr Ware - Deputy

<p>Feedback on actions from previous meeting</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Top Side Gate access for pedestrians</p> <p>Road Safety Banner</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Path widening near Leeds</p> <p>Cooking Club</p>	<p>Looking into Twitter and Facebook – this is an action for the autumn term 2019.</p> <p>A speed bump has been put in place with a slowdown sign of 5mph. The church have been very accommodating and have paid for this. Mrs Bruce says that it has made a big difference in terms of safety.</p> <p>The road safety sign has been moved across the road to retail side. Mrs West has a contact now for the management company and is on good terms with them.</p> <p>We have also emailed Maidstone Girls Grammar and Maplestone about the coaches being parked outside our school for their trips.</p> <p>The school council have been focusing more on the development of the old adventure playground. They will refocus on the parking in term 1 of the new academic year.</p> <p>The path is being widened over the summer break. It is happening. There will be no bottle neck from the new academic year! The opening of the both gates has been happening and is making a difference.</p> <p>We will be looking at emailing out at the beginning of the new academic year to catch new parents. We have recently sent out a plea for resources for the new sensory garden and do not want to overload parents with requests.</p>
<p>1) BUCKLAND ROAD Encroaching hedges on Buckland Road - These are now at a dangerous level where children, parents with toddlers and buggies are walking in the road as hedges have grown obscuring half the path and still 2 weeks of term left. They are often cut 2 or 3 days before end</p>	<p>This issue came up last year and Mrs West had contacted the council to see if it could be done earlier. They did try coming out earlier in the term and there were chicks in the nest. Legally they cannot cut the hedges if the birds are nesting. The hedges will be cut next week.</p> <p>The hedges get cut twice a year. Once in February and last week of July. There has been a lot of rain and sunshine which has made the hedges grow at a rapid rate. The school are aware of this situation but unfortunately cannot do anything about this, due to legal reasons.</p>



of term, can we ask for this to be brought forward for our safety?

2) BREAKFAST CLUB

Cost of Breakfast club has increased significantly in a short time, could this not be a more gradual increase?

The increase in cost of £1.00 is due to the growing numbers of children in the club and the need to recruit additional staff to cover this. It is also due to the rise in the food costs. The school have to ensure it is cost effective to run.

There has been no increase to the cost of breakfast club for at least five years. It is still one of the cheaper breakfast clubs in the area. Schools in the local area are charging between £5.00-£7.50 for morning sessions before school. Child-minders would charge hourly for childcare. We also do a reduced rate for siblings. It is still really good value for money.

3) EMAILS

Parentmails continue to be sent out at a rapid rate? Could the information be collated and one email sent out at the end of the day?

Emails are only sent to the relevant year groups and if left late in the day would be missed by some parents and may be urgent for that day. Other class representatives felt that the emails had reduced and they found the school calendar on the website very useful for information on dates and things happening. The headteacher newsletter is also very informative with lots of information and dates for the year.

4) OFSTED FRAMEWORK

How does the school plan to address the latest Ofsted Framework with guidelines to ensure the curriculum is broad and balanced? Rather than have core areas covered and focus weeks of art/science etc is the school considering incorporating these across the year?

We have a duty to supply teaching on every aspect of the curriculum. We do teach all the foundation subjects across the year in all year groups. Science/Art week etc are additional experiences to supplement the curriculum.

We appointed a Curriculum leader before Christmas to oversee all things curriculum.

Ofsted require us to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum in all subjects, history, geography, art, design technology etc. English and Maths are taught every day; the others subjects may be once or twice a week.

We have leaders for different subject areas. Once a big term (three times a year) the foundation subject's books are audited to ensure that teaching is consistent and that staff have the knowledge and skills to deliver these subjects. English and maths books are looked at weekly/fortnightly, along with planning.

Working parties have been established here now for the last seven years, all subjects are addressed by these and staff meet regularly to discuss, review and analyse these subjects and the teaching of the skills. Individual teachers also have responsibilities for individual subjects.

Having things such as sports week and arts week is a way of celebrating skills and interests of children that might not necessarily be academic. It is good to celebrate other subjects also.

Year 1-5 play musical instruments in assemblies in order to share their talents.

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Miss Feast's Musical Theatre club also is a great success in discovering hidden talents in the children, promoting emotional well-being and encouraging high quality speaking and listening skills.

AOB

Lost Property

Lost property will be put out on display Monday and Tuesday in the playground after school. There are lots of good quality unnamed items that need to find a home. Unfortunately we cannot house all these items and any unclaimed items will have to be disposed of.

Bike Storage

Will be coming in the next academic year and will be located where the current bike rack is. Mrs Bruce to speak to Bower Mount medical on the cost of their bike storage as it is similar to the one the school would like to purchase.

Thank You

A big thank you to all class representatives this year for their support and work this year. It has been very much appreciated. New class reps will be sought for the new academic year to give other parents a chance to contribute. More details on how to do this in September.

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