

3rd February 2023

Parent Body Agenda

Attendees: Mrs Skinner, Miss Fullagar, Miss Steward, Mrs Whitehead, Miss Fosher, Mrs Acott, Mrs Bourne, Ms Rachael Davies

Absent: Mrs Sutton, Miss Bingham

Agenda Item	Discussion/s
As the childcare voucher scheme has been phased out, I was wondering if there would be a way to pay for the breakfast club and afterschool club using the government tax free childcare scheme?	<p>Tax Free Childcare (TFC) is a government scheme to help working families with their childcare costs. It replaced childcare vouchers for new applicants from 4th October 2018.</p> <p>Eligible families can open an online childcare account to pay you directly. The government will then add their childcare account to help towards costs and save money.</p> <p>TFC Helpline – 0300 123 4097</p> <p>Brunswick House is a registered provider.</p> <p>To book for Breakfast club you will need to complete the online booking system. If you wish to use TFC then you will need to contact Ms Claydon in the school office, she will add you to a list that will enable you to book without making payment. We will then add credits to your ParentMail account on receipt of the TFC payment.</p> <p>Please note, we will only add the credit once the monies are received on our statement, this could be up to a week after you have made the transaction with us. We will closely monitor breakfast club bookings to ensure payment is being made.</p> <p>This also applies to After school club – booking forms are in the entrance hall.</p>
The queueing of parents to collect children in the afternoon, leaving the pathways unclear for the secondary school kids to walk on.	<p>There are P.E lessons at the end of the day.</p> <p>To alleviate the queueing, we will open the front gate at 3.10pm, but with the strict rule that all parents must not be on their phones at all on school premises. They must finish their conversations before they come on site. If school staff politely remind you of the need to come off your phone, there is to be no abusive behaviour towards our staff.</p> <p>Reminder to Foundation Stage Parents: Please queue from the FS gate up towards the top gate (alongside the FS fencing) and not past the reception area. This will avoid overcrowding outside the main entrance.</p>

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<p>Homework projects Can we have worksheets of maths, English and spelling as opposed to what is sent now, most of what is sent requires parental help eg buying the art supplies to build models, or paint a scene or to sit and look at the Internet for references, not all homes use online safety in the same way as schools. the point of Homework should be the kids doing it but when I talk to other parents it's them doing it so as to not look as though their child hasn't done the homework.</p>	<p>School will continue to approve their collaborative home-learning approach. We have had good feedback from Ofsted and parents on this. If it is resources for the home-learning list, we will happily provide an electronic copy. If it is home learning that requires art supplies that you don't have at home, please let the school know.</p>
<p>What is the latest on the boiler? Fully understand funds are low for schools and maintenance must be on a NEED basis but was a full fix done over Xmas?</p>	<p>We are waiting for the contractors Skanska to complete the work and fit the part during the Easter holidays.</p>
<p>Would it be possible to put forward the suggestion for all the inset days to be put together as a five-day training week, so that this provides the opportunity for families to go on holiday in term time, making it possible for many more families to be able to afford a holiday? Other schools in the area have adopted this policy and it seems to work well.</p>	<p>There are a number of reasons/considerations why this would not be possible. There are points in the academic year when things are reviewed eg: mid-year reviews, whole school training such as child protection, so to have five inset days together would not work for the school.</p> <p>We try to set the five inset days by the end of Term 5 each year for the following academic year. It was requested that the inset days be emailed out at the end of Term 5 for parents to view with ease.</p>
<p>We were told at curriculum meeting early October that investigations were going on to find a suitable alternative to mathletics, not sure if I've missed something but nothing has been put forward and mathletics is such a frustrating website. Can you ask what the latest is on that? Thank you</p>	<p>This was shared at maths meeting- there are 5 alternative options eg: White rose, Numbots, Timetables. We are keeping Mathletics. Our maths leader will send out information to parents, but we are aware it doesn't work effectively on all devices.</p>
<p>There seems to be conflicting information regarding illness and coming into school. Can there be consistent advice across the school please.</p>	<p>Sickness - we all follow the same policy and are led by Public Health England; clear that support such as calpol can be given to the school office to administer where required. For sickness and diarrhea, it is 48 hours.</p> <p>There is an attendance and illness leaflet that the school will be sending out to parents again which gives advice on minor ailments and attending school.</p>
<p>Coming into the school to hear children read. They said they was going to do it and I have just read it on the questionnaire but nothing has been said about it. Can you give us an update on this?</p>	<p>Parents who want to offer volunteering time to hear children read would need to be trained and DBS checked. This will be on a first come first served basis. Children hugely benefit from this. Please email UKS2leader@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk if you would like to be considered for this role.</p>

<p>Will the school be putting on discos again for events such as valentines or end of terms/years?</p>	<p>PTA have planned an Easter disco and Spring Fair</p> <p>Year 6 will be having a series of leaving events which happens every year. A ‘save the date’ email will be sent out with full details next term.</p> <p>It was also requested that the PTA put together a list of dates for the year so that parents had an overall view of ideas for the year.</p>
<p>What trips are planned for year 1?</p>	<p>Library visits have been timetabled by teachers. Other visits planned for Terms 4-6 eg: library visit, beach trip and a trip to the synagogue linked to RE will be publicised at the end of Term 3.</p>
<p>Outside Area Development (School Item)</p>	<p>We wanted to inform you that we are seeking quotes from contractors for resurfacing the playground and creating a new ball court area. Also we are looking at landscaping the ball area and having hoops, target boards etc. This should be completed over Easter.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>Strike Days</p>	<p>Update on this. We cannot confirm numbers of teachers absent on strike days as the teachers do not have to give us any notice. However, the relational trust in this school is amazing and so I am hopeful that the school will know ahead of time of who is striking, as we did on the 1st February. The additional strike days are:-</p> <p>2nd March 15th March 16th March</p>
<p>The next parent body meeting will be Friday 17th March at 9.10am</p>	

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