

24th May 2023

Parent Body Meeting Notes

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

Apologies for Absences: Ms Davies, Mrs Sutton

Points Raised	Discussions
<p>Can all dates for morning clubs (i.e. reading café on 3 May) and all other items that concern the year group, be added to the reception newsletter? It would also be useful to make sure the date and time is added to any ParentMail correspondence concerning an event. As well as communicating a start time, a rough finishing time for events which parents are invited to, would be appreciated.</p>	<p>These have been fed back to the team to be actioned.</p>
<p>It would help if dates were set out in the weekly FS newsletter as a dated table of the week,</p>	<p>All newsletters have dates sections on.</p>
<p>Could presentations for parents (i.e. phonics/maths etc.) be filmed and sent out as a video link for parents who cannot attend?</p>	<p>We do not film these events, but a copy of the slide presentation should be sent out to all parents that have not been able to attend. A reminder has been sent to staff to do this.</p>
<p>Could school events in which the parents are invited to, be spread out a little so that parents do not feel like they are asking too much of their employers or that they are being “bad parents” for not being able to attend.</p>	<p>We do try where possible to spread this out as much as we can. Sometimes it has not been possible and the calendar has become quite busy.</p>
<p>It is felt that events always seem to be on a Wednesday or a Thursday. Could events be spread out on different weekday?</p>	<p>Family assemblies will always be on a Thursday as this is the only day free on the assembly rota for it.</p>
<p>Regarding assemblies to which parents are invited, would it be possible to rotate them between the morning and the afternoon? Many working parents miss all of the sessions if they are only scheduled during mornings?</p>	<p>This has been raised before and parents that responded felt that class/family assemblies first things were easier to get time off work from than 2.50, which is in the middle of most working parents’ working day and much more difficult to get time off for. Afternoon assemblies also had far fewer parents attending because of this.</p>
<p>Signing up for “Stay and Play” using sheets on the reception door is impossible for some parents, could there be a way to access a booking system online? It is felt that full-time working parents do not always have a chance to connect with the school.</p>	<p>We will trial a booking system to be put in place for this.</p>
<p>It's not always made clear whether a younger (pre-school/baby) sibling would be permitted to attend events such as the phonics</p>	<p>Yes of course they are welcome to events.</p>



workshop, assemblies etc. Sometimes it makes the difference between being able to attend or not, although it is completely understood that for some events it would not be appropriate. 2

INSET Days

Could any new dates be highlighted in a different colour on the HT newsletter please (parent body rep)

Acknowledgement of emails.

The hedges around the school perimeter need cutting back. Is this something the school could liaise with the council about, with a view to having them pruned?

Queuing outside the school for pick-up is still making it very dangerous for other path users.

Can you please confirm that children are able to join afterschool clubs from year one?

Why are after school clubs not run in Early Years Foundation Stage?

Can places for clubs be chosen using a random selection method as a trial?

1st September 2023

4th September 2023

20th October 2023

9th February 2024:

21st June 2024

Excellent idea! New dates on the Headteachers newsletter will be added in green to make them stand out.

School emails are responded to within three working days. If the sender has not indicated a reply is needed, the front office will still send a response to say 'thanks/passed on' etc

All the hedges around the school are scheduled to be cut in July, we have been told that this date is set in order to protect nesting birds. All boundary hedges will be pruned at the end of May.

The gates will be opened at 3.10pm. As stated in previous meeting discussions, they cannot be opened earlier as there are PE lessons outside until this point. We also cannot have all the parents in the car park at 3pm as it would create a dangerous environment for deliveries and visitors leaving in cars. A member of the office will take responsibility for opening the gate at 3.10pm to provide consistency. Please do not come before this time and do not use mobile phones whilst on site – senior leaders are still finding this a daily struggle to challenge.

Year 1 are able to attend clubs.

Clubs are not run in reception due to the length of the day and the children becoming very tired. Foundation Stage staff also meet every day after school to review the day and plan for the next day.

We will try a randomiser for clubs and then put the remainder of the children on a waiting list.



Could tickets for the disco be paid for through parentmail? This would be easier for a lot of parents. Also why do pta card payments not go directly to our school? Do Brunswick not have their own bank account? How is this monitored?

Can we include breakfast/after school club children more on Acts of Kindness?

Could we consider clubs within our school for school holidays? There are several options throughout Kent but it would be nice for our children to be able to attend a setting they are familiar with and with friends they are familiar with.

Could we please have more information in general when items are communicated on ParentMail, ie: Dates and times, clashes of PE with non-school uniform days

Could the school calendar be utilised more?

Can CH&Co feedback that your child ate, but that you did not pay.

Is the school hall available for hire to make money?

The payments have always gone directly to the school. When the PTA first set up the system they needed charity details and did not have this with them, so put in the Wendy House. All payments have gone into our account. We have since bought out own Sum Up card machine and will be taking payments via this. Our dedicated School Business Manager monitors our finances robustly.

Of course – PA to headteacher to ensure she emails BC and ASC staff for acts of kindness

The holidays, especially the summer, re when we repaint, repair, have contractors on site etc. BH children are entitled to attend any local out of school club during the summer.

On this occasion, where a PE invite clashed with the Coronation Picnic Day, MGGS emailed us at the last after the picnic event had been planned. We do not want to lose the links we have built with MGGS.

Please send us in your ideas to consider.

Feedback to Jo from CH&Co would potentially be that they not have the staff to manage this. A note to Foundation Stage, year 1 and 2 parents: **Please book** your school meals for your child on the CH&Co system, even though your meals are free of charge. This helps the kitchen to plan for the number of meals they need to cook. Very positive feedback from the children on the current menu.

We do have a lettings policy on our website to let out our school facilities.

Respect

Teamwork

Empathy

Self-Belief

Honesty