



## Alexander Hosea Primary School Parent Council Meeting

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Class	Teacher	Parent representative
<b>R – Topaz</b>	Mr Keeping	
<b>Y1 - Ruby</b>	Mrs Newcombe	Mrs Heffernan (Louis)
<b>Y2 – Jet</b>	Mrs Dimery and Mrs Cleverley	
<b>Y3 – Crystal</b>	Miss Hurford/Mrs Grainger	
<b>Y4 – Diamond</b>	Miss Edgar	Mrs Ganesh (Lily)
<b>Y5 - Opal</b>	Mrs Hillier and Miss Clark	
<b>Y5 - Pearl</b>	Miss Williams	Mrs Charles (Lucy)
<b>Y6 - Amethyst</b>	Mrs Brooks	
<b>School Representative</b>	Mrs Williams	

### Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions
Attendees	Present: Mrs Ganesh, Mrs Heffernan, Mrs Charles, Mrs Williams (School) Apologies: - Vacancies: Topaz, Jet, Crystal, Opal and Amethyst	
Updates from last meeting:		
Meeting	<p>Feedback from Ruby, Diamond and Pearl</p> <p><b>Timings of events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents noted that it can be hard for working parents to attend some events. Acknowledge that it may be unavoidable to suit everyone, but wondered whether occasional polls might be helpful.</li> <li>- Talked about a balance as lots of staff have families too, so events during the day supports them too.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would it be possible for non-school events/activities to be collated into a block email, so that there can be fewer emails to help parents to manage them.</li> <li>- Meet the teacher is very helpful. Parents also appreciated having the powerpoint, but it is hard to get the full meaning without hearing it live.</li> <li>- Consider more support for parents about the transition from EYFS to KS1 to help them to know more about what to expect.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lunchtimes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive feedback on the new menu with more variety and larger portions.</li> <li>- In one class, some children are feeling a bit rushed when they are the last class in to lunch.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Occasional polls</b></p> <p><b>Staff to consider timings of events to include as many parents as possible</b></p> <p><b>Mrs W to ask school admin</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Windmill to consider how to help with this</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Windmill to look into</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Different wait times, as the new caterers provide desserts behind the hatch (these used to be in the hall) – there is an additional new colleague who has just joined the team this week.</li> <li>- Portion sizes are improved from last year.</li> <li>- Scopay is a better system and parents like to be able to book meals in advance. Comment that they cannot see the meal that they have booked on the day to remind their child what they are having.</li> </ul> <p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Question about hiring a drum kit to enable drum lessons to be able to be offered.</li> <li>- Could flute lessons be offered?</li> </ul> <p><b>Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clubs have been popular this term – query about whether providers could be asked whether they might be able to take on extra children to keep waiting lists down. Some parent helpers might be willing to help to increase numbers of children.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mrs W to ask admin team if there a way for parents to view</b></p> <p><b>Mrs W to contact music service to enquire</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Packer to explore with club providers</b></p>
<b>Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?</b>		
<b>Discussion points for future meetings</b>	<p><b>What would parents like to discuss in future meetings?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Parent Council reps to consult with other parents and send notes/questions to Mrs Williams a week before each meeting</b></p>

**Dates of next meetings (all 2:30pm start):**

Term 1 19<sup>th</sup> September 23

**Term 2 14<sup>th</sup> November 23**

Term 3 16<sup>th</sup> January 24

Term 4 5<sup>th</sup> March 24

Term 5 No meeting

Term 6 18<sup>th</sup> June 24