



Alexander Hosea Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date: 5th March 2024

Class	Teacher	Parent representative
R – Topaz	Mr Keeping	Ms Spreadbury (Alfred)
Y1 - Ruby	Mrs Newcombe	Mrs Heffernan (Louis)
Y2 – Jet	Mrs Dimery and Mrs Cleverley	Ms Thomas (Raph)
Y3 – Crystal	Miss Hurford/Mrs Grainger	Mrs Goodwin (Neeva)
Y4 – Diamond	Miss Edgar	Mrs Ganesh (Lily)
Y5 - Opal	Mrs Hillier and Miss Clark	Mrs Smith (Remy)
Y5 - Pearl	Miss Williams	Mrs Smith (Remy)
Y6 - Amethyst	Mrs Brooks	TBC
School Representative	Mrs Williams	

Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions														
Attendees	Present: Mrs Williams, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Smith and Ms Spreadbury Apologies: Mrs Heffernan															
Updates from last meeting:	<p>Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents are interested in taster sessions. These will happen on Fri 19th April 3pm - Parents asked whether it might be possible to have menu pictures for children and on Scopay (to help with choosing). - Parents interested in 'Bring your parents to lunch' invitation (maybe for Y2/3 as meals start to be payable in Y3). <p>Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New values confirmed and shared with parents in newsletter <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; padding: 2px;">Be kind</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We are friendly, thoughtful and kind to others.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffcc00; padding: 2px;">Be respectful</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves and have good manners.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">Be responsible</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We make good choices to make our world a better place.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 2px;">Be curious</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We have 'the want' to learn; we are eager to explore, discover and problem solve.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #00b0f0; padding: 2px;">Be unique</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We celebrate what makes us different and special.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #000080; padding: 2px;">Be resilient</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We know that the 'power of yet' helps us to keep going and bounce back and achieve our goals.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cc00cc; padding: 2px;">Be a team player</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">We know that together everyone achieves more.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Be kind	We are friendly, thoughtful and kind to others.	Be respectful	We treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves and have good manners.	Be responsible	We make good choices to make our world a better place.	Be curious	We have 'the want' to learn; we are eager to explore, discover and problem solve.	Be unique	We celebrate what makes us different and special.	Be resilient	We know that the 'power of yet' helps us to keep going and bounce back and achieve our goals.	Be a team player	We know that together everyone achieves more.	<p>Mrs Price to discuss options with catering team</p> <p>Statements for new values to be shared with children & parents and website updated</p>
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	<p>You said, we did:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Windmill reviewed class newsletters and drafted a standard format, based on feedback from Parent Council. - Teachers reminded to give as much notice as possible for learning shares. - Reminders sent out about scooter safety and scooter (Y3) and pedestrian (Y5) training booked for summer term. - Mrs Price looked into transport for small groups of children to events from local charity. Trying this out for forthcoming sports event. - New PE zipped tops on order and available for £19.50 (cheaper than current hoodies) from end of May. → - World Book Day – no theme (as per P/C preference). - Each class has a new food waste caddy as per request for recycling. Paper and cardboard can go into class recycling boxes. Children will be reminded to put waste food in the caddy. 	<p>Mrs Williams to add to newsletter</p>
Meeting	<p>Feedback received from Topaz/Jet and Diamond</p> <p>EYFS transition (follow on from last term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents asked whether school could review the phased transition into Reception for future years to help working parents. <p>Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sample of new PE t-shirt provided. Will be moving to these (probably from Jan 25 – waiting for confirmation) - Children will be able to wear old and new tops during the transition period (until July 2025). Cost £11.25 each (so more than previous t-shirts, but should last longer) <p>Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could payments for toast pass on to new term (when child is off sick)? If off for a day, child could have addition slice the next day. If off for longer than this, parents can email the school address and request a refund (after the child returns to school). - Brunch is back! As requested by Parent Council <p>Lunchtime arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have more than the H&S ratios of staff since covid bubbles. - Minimum expectation would be 5 lunch break supervisors per shift. We aim for 8 per day (plus 6 SEN TAs). We have a vacancy for a 5 day colleague and looking for more bank staff. - Lunch staff follow a class/classes, so that there is supervision in hall and outside. They are accessible to the children and may sometimes stand centrally to be able to view whole space if the class is spread out over a wider area (so that they are visible for the children they are caring for). 	<p>Mrs Williams and Mrs Windmill to consider the phased entry schedule for Sept 24</p> <p>Mrs Williams to share in newsletter</p>

	<p>Maths workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P/C request for maths workshops to show the calculations and expectations for each year group, so that parents can better support at home. - Link to calculation policy will be added to newsletter <p>Reading progression from phonics books to coloured bands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent in Y2 interested in finding out more about when children come off the phonics scheme (usually in Y2) and how this progresses to free readers. - KS2 parent asked how children are supported to choose an appropriate when they are a free reader (in Y3/4). KS2 parent noted that their child has appropriate books and help from teacher/TA to select. <p>Pens for KS2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Frixion pens are costing a lot of money per child. We are spending approx. £500 a year on ink refills alone for KS2. This is not sustainable. - The children will be given new handwriting pens, when their Frixion pen inks run out. Parents can provide Frixion pens refills (black ink) if their child would like to continue to use these. <p>Non-school fliers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents appreciate these and either read or ignore as not school related. - A couple of parents couldn't view in the format sent out recently (in the body of the email), so Mrs Packer will add as an attachment instead from now on. <p>Parent Helpers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent requested more notice if needed (or not) to help on trips. It is hard for parents to get time off work at short notice. <p>Communication about home learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers share the class homelearning in weekly class newsletters. - Parents noted that some classes don't put the deadline for homework to be completed on it. They would like deadlines included every time, so that the timescale is clear. - Noted that Mathletics is set regularly in most classes – would like this set regularly in all Ks2 classes. <p>Emails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have moved from Teacher2Parents to Scopay in autumn term. This was communicated to parents at the time. - Scopay offer email service for free as part of our service contract. - Texts continue to be through T2P. <p>Sports Day – Weds 22nd May (weather permitting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflected that the arrangements last year were good and parents really pleased that the event can be done in half a day (as it helps working parents). - Question – has the tannoy been fixed for sports day? 	<p>Mrs Williams to feedback to Miss Edgar – Maths Leader</p> <p>Mrs Williams to ask Miss Clark - English Leader to provide clarity about this for Y2-4 parents.</p> <p>Mrs Price to let parents and children know about the change of pens.</p> <p>Mrs Williams to feedback to teachers</p> <p>Mrs Williams to feedback to teachers</p>
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Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EYFS transition 2. Maths workshops 	
Discussion points for future meetings	What would parents like to discuss in future meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know. 	Parent Council reps to consult with other parents and send notes/questions to Mrs Williams a week before each meeting

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

Term 1 19th September 23

Term 2 14th November 23

Term 3 16th January 24

Term 4 5th March 24

Term 5 No meeting

Term 6 18th June 24