



Alexander Hosea Primary School

Parent Council Meeting 18th January 2023

Class	Parent representative
R – Topaz	Mrs Skuse (Emily)
Y1 - Jet	Ms Thomas (Raph)
Y2 – Ruby	Mrs Narborough (Wilf)
Y3 – Emerald	Mrs Ganesh (Lily)
Y4 - Crystal	Mrs Charles (Lucy)
Y4 – Diamond	Mrs Hall (Alana)
Y5 - Pearl	Mrs Dalziel (Evelyn)
Y6 - Amethyst	Mrs Leighton (Anabel)

Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions
Attendees	Present: Apologies: Mrs Dalziel (Y5), Mrs Thomas (Y1), Mrs Leighton (Y6), Mrs Skuse (Reception)	
Updates from last meeting:	<p>Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest in a netball club. Club now up and running for Y5/6. - Interest in an art club – Mrs Cleverley and Mrs Packer looking into <p>Integra Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents considered whether toast could be paid for online. - We are looking at moving to a different payment system soon, we plan for this system to allow parents to book meals and pay online for meals and toast. Information to follow at the end of this term. <p>School trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerald parents asked for a trip –Mrs Grainger has been researching options to pass on to Miss Hurford for summer project. - Cost of coaches is very expensive at the moment, so sometimes class teachers may choose to have visitors in school instead to keep costs down. <p>School photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent feedback given to the photo company. <p>Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School are looking for SMSAs to join the team – either on contracted days or as bank staff. If any parents are interested, please email School Business Manager Taralou.price@sgmail.org.uk to ask for application form. 	<p>Y3 parents would like a wider offer of clubs – DW to see whether Swift could open their clubs up to Y1-6</p> <p>When new payment system is in place, set up toast payment online.</p> <p>Mrs Grainger to pass on trip ideas to Miss Hurford (when she starts at AHS)</p>

<p>Meeting</p>	<p>Feedback from classes Jan 23 Feedback/Questions received from Diamond, Topaz and Pearl classes</p> <p>Uniform: Would it be possible for parents to have uniform delivered to school by Monkhouse now that the store has moved away from Yate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, this is possible. It is an option when you purchase online. School can text parents when the uniform arrives. <p>National Teacher strikes: Can parents be told in advance if the school will be shutting so that they can sort out childcare?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As soon as members of the NEU have let Mrs Williams know, arrangements for classes will be reviewed and parents informed. <p>Clubs: Can there be more free after school clubs (eg run by staff)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers are asked to run a club each year. As they have high workloads, they need to balance running a club with the commitment they have to high quality teaching and learning in their class. Some of the clubs are at lunchtime and some after school. - We run a wide range of free clubs. This year so far: Mrs Williams ran chess club Mrs Cleverly and Miss Clark ran reading club Mrs Hillier is running poetry club Mrs Joyner runs homelearning club Miss Edgar, Mrs Gee and Mrs McAleese have run the school choir Mrs Newcombe has run coding club Miss Williams and Mr Swann ran football club Mr Swann ran cricket club - School uses pupil premium to support families who are in receipt of free school meals to be able to attend some clubs for free. - We are also very grateful to the parents who are running free clubs for the children too (eg netball, Lego Robotics, board games, recorder). - We endeavour to offer a range of clubs to suit as many children as possible. Always open to looking at different clubs, where there is a particular interest. - Year 3 suggested school could look into: cross country club, gardening, archery, fencing, choir for Y2-4. <p>Buddy system feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from one parent that it works great most of the time, but sometimes children are less enthusiastic if paired with a peer who has a different learning attitude. - Learning partners work well and partners are changed around at regular intervals. Helps children to learn to work with different people and prepare for the next stages of their education (eg at secondary school where many classes may have assigned seats) and the wider world/workplace. 	<p>When information is confirmed about 1st Feb (and subsequent) strike – Mrs Williams will let parents know</p> <p>Consider</p> <p>DW to ask Mrs Packer to look into possible options for KS2 (especially Y3/4)</p>
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	<p>Water bottles: What prompts are younger children given to drink water?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and they are encouraged to drink. If these are forgotten, we can provide a cup for a day. They can refill their bottles in the classrooms. - Infants take their water bottles up to the hall on their lunch box trolleys, so that they have them at lunchtime. There are also jugs of water and cups nearby, if they need these. - Children are prompted at intervals during the day to have a drink and children in Reception have a drink with their fruit snack. - If parents wanted to they could draw a line on the outside of the bottle, so that children know how much they would like them to drink by break/lunch. <p>World Book Day 2nd March Fairy tale focus for activities and dressing up £1 book vouchers Item on newsletter this week</p>	<p>World Book Day item in newsletter 20th Jan</p>
<p>Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?</p>		
<p>Discussion points for future meetings</p>	<p>What would parents like to discuss in future meetings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know. 	<p>Parent Council reps to consult with other parents and send notes/questions to Mrs Williams a week before each meeting</p>

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

Term 1 Monday 3rd October 2022

Term 2 Tuesday 15th November 2022

Term 3 Wednesday 18th January 2023

Term 4 Thursday 9th March 2023

Term 5 No meeting, as usually a short term

Term 6 Friday 23rd June 2023