

## **Alexander Hosea Primary School**

## Parent Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

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 Bendon? (Millie)
Y4 – Diamond	Mrs Hall? (Alana)
Y5 - Pearl	Mrs Dalziel (Evelyn)
Y6 - Amethyst	Mrs Leighton (Anabel)

## <u>Agenda</u>

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions
Updates from last meeting:	<ol> <li>Parents are keen to be able to come in to see the classroom environment, so parents' evenings are back in person from October. Parent Council reflected that this has been well-received by parents.</li> <li>Class reps – not all classes have reps at the moment. Parents to promote this with other classes.</li> </ol>	Parent Council reps to talk to other parents in other classes to see who might be the rep for the other class  DW to email to advertise this and
Meeting	School Clubs	ask parent reps to let DW know.
meeting	<ul> <li>Discussed the wide range of clubs available for children. Parent Reps to ask if there are any other clubs they would be keen to see.</li> <li>Some parents ran clubs (eg Robotics, netball, cross country and recorders last year) – very grateful to parents for running these clubs. Open to parents running clubs (with safeguarding checks) at lunchtime or after school.</li> <li>Wondered about whether the homelearning club is open to all children. This is an invitation only group, which is purposefully kept small to give Mrs Joyner the chance to give the participants focussed support.</li> </ul>	Parent Council to let DW know if any other clubs are suggested or offered.
	- Many parents not very keen on baguette option (many of their children quite like it), because they are concerned that their children are not having a hot meal or choosing to have any fruit or veg. Will baguettes be discontinued soon for the winter? When they start again, would the salad bar be back open again so that the	DW to speak to Emma Corbiere (Catering Manager)

	children can have a salad garnish to add to nutritional value? Agreed that we will pause the baguettes until next summer.  Discussed challenges faced in recruitment in catering. Currently Integra have vacancies in our kitchen that they are trying to fill.  Emma Corbiere is doing a brilliant job of running our kitchen as close to normal as possible — some schools in our situation are having to revert to sandwich offer only. We are hoping that the permanent team will be in place asap.  Do older children have bigger portions than younger children? No, there is a standard portion size, however if there is some excess food towards the end of the lunchtime service (when Y5/6 children come in) they may be offered an extra item. Seconds have been stopped as it was reported that some children were overeating because of it.	
	AOB Cows on the field next to the school – parents raised concerns about dogs running off the lead near them and asked whether the perimeter fence is secure to prevent cows coming onto school grounds. Caretaker does a weekly perimeter walk to check fencing and we replace/fix any sections that need it. Some areas have older fencing (eg where there are deep brambles to act as an additional security measure).  Could 'Meet the Teacher' be in person next time, so that parents can see the Teacher's face? This is probable for next year.	DW to alert the caretaker that there are now cows in the neighbouring field for the first time  Once Christmas
	Could parents have as much notice as possible for Christmas events, so that they can get time off work?	events have been finalised, these will be shared with parents.
Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?		
Discussion points for future meetings	<ul> <li>What would parents like to discuss in future meetings?</li> <li>Parent Council Reps to gather ideas a week before the next meeting and let Mrs Williams know.</li> </ul>	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 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Term 2 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Term 3 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Term 4 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Term 5 No meeting, as usually a short term

Term 6 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023