

## Alexander Hosea Primary School

## Parent Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Class	Parent representative	
R – Topaz	Mrs Goodland (Hugo)	
Y1 - Jet	Mrs Narborough (Wilf)	
Y2 – Crystal	Crystal Ms LLoyd (Lily G)	
Y3 – Emerald	Mrs Lee (Freddie) and	
	Mrs Bendon (Millie)	
Y3 - Ruby	<b>'3 - Ruby</b> Mrs Hall (Alana)	
Y4 – Diamond	/4 – Diamond Mrs Dalziel (Evelyn)	
Y5 - Pearl	Mrs Leighton (Anabel)	
Y6 - Amethyst	ТВС	

## <u>Agenda</u>

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions
1.	Organisational aspects <ul> <li>Terms of Reference</li> <li>Reps for each class</li> <li>Online, in person or hybrid</li> </ul>	Mrs Packer to add to website
2.	<ul> <li>Parent Helpers in school</li> <li>Mrs Williams will send a powerpoint to read. Prospective parent helpers will need to read this; have a DBS; sign confidentiality agreement and the Acceptable Use of IT document before coming in. 2 helpers per class for the moment.</li> <li>Looking for helpers for the school library and will need some help walking to church for harvest on 8<sup>th</sup> October – to be advertised in newsletter.</li> </ul>	Mrs W to circulate the parent helpers documents Mrs W to add item about harvest and school library helpers in newsletter
3.	<ul> <li>Queries from classes:</li> <li>Could we find out which clubs are on offer in advance? <ul> <li>Working parents would find it helpful so that they know what childcare they need.</li> <li>Mrs Williams agreed that this would be possible and we can advertise clubs in summer each year for the coming year. Some additional clubs are added from time to time.</li> <li>Mrs Packer is in the process of setting clubs up afer the easing of covid restrictions.</li> <li>Contact for clubs is Lesley.Packer@sgmail.org.uk</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mrs W to speak to Mrs Packer who organises clubs to arrange for these the be advertised in summer
	<ul> <li>Will parents' evening continue to be online?</li> <li>Yes, as there has been lots of positive feedback about these from parents and staff. Also it helps to be able to avoid disruption in case of covid.</li> </ul>	Mrs Hall to chase up the parents' evening provider re: multiple users

<ul> <li>The provider was due to update the system so that parents could access from two separate places (eg from their workplaces), but this was not in place before the spring parents eve, we have been assured that it will be for Oct parents' eve.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Could the gates be opened earlier than 8:50am?</li> <li>We have returned to our normal arrangements after needing to have staggered starts/ends. Schools are no longer required to have staggered starts.</li> <li>Where possible, Mrs W will try to open a minute or two early.</li> <li>PC rep reported that drop off and pick-ups are going well.</li> <li>PC asked if parents are allowed to wait on the grass areas at the front of school. Mrs W said that this is fine.</li> <li>Discussed one way system – this works well and will continue as it avoids congestion at the top gate.</li> </ul>	Mrs W to try to open the gates a bit earlier, where possible
<ul> <li>Will there be more TAs again like last year?</li> <li>We had additional funding through covid catch up last year, which we used for additional TAs. If further funding is received, we will look at this again.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Should school meals be providing a pudding option when children should not be bringing sugary treats in lunchboxes?</li> <li>There are strict guidelines for the catering provider, which includes puddings with low sugar content. The menus are strictly quality assured by nutritionists at Integra. There is a fruit/yoghurt option so that children can have this instead if they wish.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Will toast/fruit tuck service and salad bar start again soon?</li> <li>Integra catering have staff shortages (due to difficulties with recruitment) at the moment, which means that meals are being cooked off site, so this is not possible at the moment.</li> <li>When the snack service resumes, we are looking at this being brought around to classes so that children do not need to waste break time queueing in the hall.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Query about portion sizes and choice</li> <li>There are standard portion sizes, which the catering team work to.</li> <li>Meals are cooked at another school at the moment, but children have choices at the time of booking.</li> <li>We are looking at moving from SIMS pay (where we have had regular technical problems) to Parent Pay</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Should we be using website or Google Classroom for communication?</li> <li>Both have a place. Website has school diary, helpful information, class newsletters etc; Google Classroom (GC) is the main means of communication with teachers (including homelearning). Can also use staff emails as needed too.</li> <li>The office use text messages and emails to communicate too.</li> <li>PC asked whether all texts and emails could be addressed to the class where relevant as sometimes it's hard to know which class it relates to if parent has more than one child at the school. Mrs W agreed that this can be done.</li> </ul>	Mrs W to ask staff to address emails/texts to the class if specific to a class Mrs W to ask staff to post
<ul> <li>PC asked whether spellings could be posted on GC as well as in the spelling books.</li> </ul>	spellings on GC

		<ul> <li>Will there be an autumn sports event for parents to attend?</li> <li>Mrs Rehman (PE Leader) is considering this idea, but there is Wickwar Games on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and staff are focusing on so possibly not. Will reach a decision soon and let parents know in newsletter.</li> <li>Does long hair need to be tied back?</li> <li>Yes, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.</li> <li>Several reasons for this (a) smartness; (b) health and safety when playing in the playground and doing PE; (c) head lice.</li> </ul>	Mrs W to share in newsletter Mrs W to share in newsletter
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6.	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> <li>Flagged up that reps are needed for Amethyst</li> </ul>	Parent Council reps to consult with other parents and send DW notes a week before each meeting DW to add note to newsletter and Parents to advertise for reps in the remaining classes.

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

- Term 2 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021
- Term 3 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
- Term 4 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Term 5 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Term 6 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022