



## Alexander Hosea Primary School

### Parent Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 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)

#### Agenda

	Notes (PC = Parent Council rep)	Actions
Updates from last meeting:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class reps – not all classes have reps at the moment. Parents to promote this with other classes. DW advertised in newsletter – would be good to have a rep for each class so that all parent groups are represented.</li> <li>Parent Council reps had suggestions for different clubs – see item below.</li> <li>Update on catering team – see below.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Parent Council reps to talk to other parents in other classes to see who might be the rep for the other class</b></p> <p><b>DW to advertise again and ask parent reps to let DW know.</b></p>
Meeting	<p><b>School Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions for Y3/4 netball from Swift Sports.</li> <li>There is interest in an art club.</li> <li>Wide range of clubs on offer – updated each term by Mrs Packer.</li> <li>Very popular Y5/6 choir as the children go to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices at NEC.</li> <li>KS1 children are loving reading club.</li> <li>Query about whether children (esp in Y3) could be reminded to attend the lunchtime clubs they are signed up for. Parents remind in the morning too.</li> </ul> <p><b>Integra Catering update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very grateful to Emma Corbiere for running the kitchen single handed whilst the recruitment process for substantive catering manager and assistant goes through.</li> <li>New catering manager (Karen Pinnell) and catering assistant (Claire Smith) have now been appointed and started at AHS on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. Having induction support from Emma and Integra area manager, then Emma will move on to another school. Parents very pleased that vacancies have now been filled and new staff started.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DW to ask Swift Sports if netball is possible for spring on Thurs after school</b></p> <p><b>DW to ask Mrs Cleverley if there is anyone who might run art club in spring</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Query about some possible missing items from menu last term. Emma doing her best to keep the menu going as much as possible despite doing it on her own.</li> <li>- Plan to relaunch the salad bar in the spring/summer as this is very popular.</li> <li>- Query from reception about how children are encouraged to eat main meal before going on to pudding. Children are encouraged by staff and play pals to eat their main and ‘have another mouthful’ before having pudding.</li> <li>- Toast query – whilst there are benefits for children to pay for their toast (and they like doing this), is there a way or adding toast to the online payment system for parents who would prefer to pay in bulk? Could there be a combination of online and cash, or would it need to be one or the other? DW not sure but will ask Mrs McNeill.</li> <li>- Y1 parent said that feedback that some children seem to not be drinking enough at school. DW to highlight to Y1 teachers so that they are aware.</li> </ul> <p>School Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents keen for all classes to have school trips. Emerald parents noted that the children have not had as many opportunities since starting in reception as other cohorts. Strong appreciation of the value of school trips.</li> <li>- Feedback from Y6 parent that the trip to Lifeskills sounded excellent, but some children came home with worries about whether the scenarios might happen to them (eg one scenario is how to respond in the event of a fire). Wondered whether children might be able to go in the morning another year, so that they could debrief in school in the afternoon and work through any residual worries. Consider this in subsequent years.</li> </ul> <p>School photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback that some of the school photos in term 1, were not as good (pose, facial expression etc) as previous years. Quite a few parents decided not to purchase this time as a result. Same photography company as usual and parents are generally happy.</li> <li>- Class photos will take place later in the year (this usually includes a fun photo for Y6 leavers).</li> <li>- R parent noted that not all schools were included in the Gazette picture collection this year. Another parent was aware that this was due to staff shortages at the paper.</li> </ul> <p>AOB</p> <p>Christmas events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents asked whether all dates for shows, coffee morning, Christmas jumper day, parties, children in need etc. DW will include in next newsletter and asked parents to encourage others to read the class newsletters too as they would be in here too.</li> <li>- Parent noted that the dates are also on the school calendar on the website – DW said that this is updated weekly by Mrs Packer.</li> <li>- Parents really liked the events being outside last year and asked whether these (eg coffee morning) could be outside again – weather permitting. DW said that we would be open to that idea and will look at the weather closer to the time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DW to ask Mrs McNeill about toast payment options.</b></p> <p><b>DW to feedback to Y1 teachers</b></p> <p><b>DW to flag up to Mrs Grainger and Miss Hurford</b></p> <p><b>DW to feedback to HB</b></p> <p><b>DW to share feedback with photography company</b></p>
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	<p>Friends of AHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next Friends Disco Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</li> <li>- Parents asked how Friends of AHS advertise their events. DW said that they send an item for each fortnightly school newsletter and advertise on their Facebook page. Parents said that it has been helpful that there is a Friends' rep in each class as they spread the word for the children in the class to keep parents up to date with their events too.</li> <li>- Parents liking that each class run a cake sale for Friends – spreads out the donations.</li> </ul> <p>Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents commented that the library is looking good. Mrs Ozer has taken on responsibility for managing the room.</li> <li>- School looking at changing the library system to Junior Librarian, so that the books can be can be catalogued in line with national system.</li> <li>- Once set up, we will be looking for a group of parents to run lending session one day a week. Parents very keen on this.</li> </ul> <p>Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School are looking for SMSAs to join the team – either on contracted days or as bank staff. If any parents are interested, please call/email school office to ask for application form.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?</b></p>		
<p><b>Discussion points for future meetings</b></p>	<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 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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