



Alexander Hosea Primary School

Parent Council Meeting 9th March 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: Mrs Williams (HT), Ms Thomas (Y1), Mrs Charles (Y4 – also parent in Y6 and Y1) and Mrs Ganesh (Y3) Apologies: Mrs Dalziel (Y5); Mrs Leighton (Y6)	
Updates from last meeting:	<p>Clubs – in particular for Y3/4 children– request by Parent Council This was followed up and Swift Sports now opened up each club to accommodate Y1-6. Board Games club (run by a parent) has proved very popular. Currently looking into an art club and Quiz club.</p> <p>Payments for toast – request by Parent Council for toast to be paid for online, rather than cash. This was followed up with regards to the new payment system – Scopay. However as the payment for toast needs to be made directly to Integra, it is not possible at this time. We remain committed to be cashless and when the new catering company takes over, we will ask about the possibility of having online payments. Parent Council mentioned that they have heard about some children offering to pay for other children’s toast.</p> <p>Y3 parents keen to have a school trip, as had fewer than other classes. Before Mrs Grainger went on maternity leave, she booked a trip to Stonehenge for Miss Hurford to take Emerald class this summer as part of their project.</p> <p>SMSA vacancies – We are interviewing this week and next and hope to complete the team by the end of this term. In the interim period, we have been very grateful to our existing team of SMSAs, as they have picked up extra shifts, so that have been able to maintain high levels of supervision</p>	<p>Parent asked whether Coding Club was continuing – Mrs Williams to find out.</p> <p>Mrs Williams to let the teachers of the year group know</p>

	(we have more adults than the ratios suggest, so that each class can have their own SMSAs).	
Meeting	<p>Feedback from Classes March 2023 Feedback/questions received from Topaz and Pearl classes.</p> <p>Will there be further trips in the summer? Some classes are planning trips for the summer term. When planning trips, the teachers consider the benefit of the trip to enhance the children learning/development. As the cost of coaches has increased, we are conscious of the cost that may be passed to parents.</p> <p>Mrs Williams talked about the change to project planning structure where teachers have identified three projects which will be taught in each year group and these have now been fixed into a planner, for continuity over the years. This also means that teachers can book trips well in advance as they will know which trips work best for the project. Parent Council responded positively to this.</p> <p>Congestion on the paths at the start of the school day Mrs Williams almost always does the morning gate duty 8:50-8:59am and makes every effort to open up promptly. Parent Council added that they value Mrs Williams visibility on the gates and like being able to speak to/ask a question at start/end of a day. They recognised that not all schools have this. Would it be helpful to ask parents to use the one-way system, to help the flow? School have applied for some funding through Avon and Somerset Police to improve signage and markings on the roundabout. Parent Council think this will be very helpful. There are some frustrations about people parking in the drop off zone and causing congestion.</p> <p>Reducing paper Parent Council said that they feel that there are times when teachers are sticking extra paper items into books, when these aren't needed and the page could be used without an extra layer (eg reward stuck into Reading Record for 5 reads). Parent Council would prefer a more environmentally friendly approach – eg stamp or written acknowledgement</p> <p>Forest School Parent Council question about whether Year 1 could continue with the Forest School provision in Reception. Mrs Williams commented that we value to Forest School provision in Reception and we used to enjoy going to</p>	<p>Teachers will communicate with parents about any further trips for this year</p> <p>Mrs Williams to continue to endeavour to open the gates punctually at 8:50am.</p> <p>Parent Council to consult with classes about reinstating the one-way system to ease congestion for pedestrians.</p> <p>Newsletter item about drop off zone</p> <p>Mrs Williams to feedback to the class teacher, but also bring up paper reduction with the pupils' ECO council.</p>

	<p>Redwood Forest School Centre (we are no longer eligible for this), but there is a significant cost to this which is why school prioritises Reception.</p> <p>Swimming Talked about pros and cons of block of a week vs weekly session. School find that the logistics, staffing arrangements etc are more manageable for a week block and the children have responded well to this (although quite tired by the end of the week).</p> <p>School have requested a 2 week swimming block for next spring – more information will follow closer to the time, but the request includes: Week 1 – usual swimming block for a class in lower KS2. Week 2 – group mop up block for current Y4 children who have not yet achieved 25m. This will be in addition to the usual Y5/6 summer mop up, as they are a larger year group.</p> <p>Monkhouse Uniform On their website, there used to be an option to order online and have it delivered to school, however that option does not appear anymore. As the shop closed in Yate and is now near Stoke Gifford, some parents would prefer to have it delivered to school, rather than needing to go over there.</p> <p>Other feedback from school: World Book Day 2nd March – the children seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to dress up and take part in the class activities. Parent Council said that there had been a few comments in Y5/6 about fair tale theme, but that the Y5/6 children had found some suitable ideas that suited their age, linked to the theme and enjoyed being part of the day.</p> <p>Author visits – see newsletter Recent visit from James Bishop (author of ‘Iguana Boy’ trilogy) was very well received. The whole school enjoyed his assembly about his writing process and Y2,3 and 4 children engaged well with his workshops. Parent Council said that the children were inspired by the author and really enjoyed this.</p> <p>Forthcoming visits from Joseph Elliott (author of ‘Good Hawk’) for Y5/6 and poet Zohan Zee Khan (for whole school).</p> <p>Governor Day 10th March 3pm if any Parent Council would like to come along to talk to governors about the Parent Council system.</p> <p>Easter Story - School had booked a theatre group to perform the Easter story, but this has now been cancelled by the touring company as they had less uptake than they needed from schools.</p>	<p>Mrs Williams to ask the office staff to look into this and let parents know</p>
<p>Anything to carry forward to next meeting or take to Student Council?</p>		
<p>Discussion points for</p>	<p>What would parents like to discuss in future meetings?</p>	<p>Parent Council reps to consult</p>

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. 	with other parents and send notes/questions to Mrs Williams a week before each meeting
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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