



Parent Forum

Monday 11th December 2023

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| What is working well in school currently? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of staff clubs • Calm club at lunchtimes • Whole school panto trip • Y1/2 pick up and drop off is now better from the classroom doors since the path has been completed • Relationships with staff are positive. Staff know the children and families well. • Teaching staff are great. Children enjoy coming to school. • Visibility of Head and SENCO on school gates is great. • Leo's Den staff are lovely. Children love coming to Leo's Den. • Sports enrichment days – my child really enjoys them. • Nur/Rec Santa trip was lovely. It's a shame current Y1 didn't go last year. | |
| How is communication between home and school? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of diary dates for the year is brilliant and enables you to plan ahead. • Weekly newsletter is great. Love the regular photos on the newsletter and updates on class learning. • Text reminders are great but these are not always sent out. Some EYFS parents had forgotten about the Santa trip as there hadn't been a reminder. • Sometimes paper letters don't get home to parents. Could these be emailed out as well? • Sometimes information isn't clear to parents, e.g. Christmas jumper day – do children wear this with their uniform or is it a non-uniform day? Could staff be more specific with the information for such events? • Sometimes items from home are requested last minute which doesn't always give parents sufficient time to collect, e.g. boxes for D&T lessons. • Some messages from staff come late at night. Parents think there should be a cut off point unless it is an emergency, e.g. snow or school closure. • Emails and texts are sometimes last minute and disjointed. | <p>Diary dates are included on weekly newsletters for the coming weeks.</p> <p>Staff can ensure this is clearer in future.</p> <p>Staff will be asked to give more notice in future.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>No further information provided via Forms so unable to address further.</p> |



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| <p>What could be improved in school?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication between lunchtime staff and parents, e.g. if child is not eating their lunch or doesn't like the school meal ordered. • Inhalers – parents aren't always being notified if their child is using their inhaler in school. • Staffing – changes to TAs in some year groups. Parents aren't always made aware of these changes. KR explained that in the event of staff illness or if it is a member of staff who works 1:1 with a child, parents of children directly affected by the change will be notified. • School lunches – children are not always having what they've ordered and queries around the portion sizes. Some children are hungry when they get home. • Parking around school is still an issue. Parents are parking inconsiderately, blocking pathways and driveways. Some parents with pushchairs are having to walk into the road with pushchairs as unable to get past. • Woodland path is not wide enough for two-way traffic. Parents and children are sometimes having to walk on the grass as there isn't sufficient space. • Dismissal at the end of the day when it is raining. Could this be done from the classrooms or other doors/under the canopy so that the children and staff are not getting wet? • School Council – same children are able to apply each year. Parents think that new children should be chosen each year to allow more children to have an opportunity to take part. • Y6 children should be given more opportunities to take on roles and responsibilities in school. KR explained that we already have School Council and Wellbeing Mentors in school, and that the application process for House Captains is underway. • School environment / lack of displays. Sterile environment. KR explained that they are still waiting for SCC to fit the display boards. This is something that is being chased up on a | <p>KR to ask lunch staff to feedback to teachers so they can let parents know.</p> <p>KR to follow this up with staff.</p> <p>KR to follow this up with the lunchtime staff.</p> <p>Reminders are put in the newsletter regularly. School are working closely with SCC's Active Travel Team as well.</p> <p>Ongoing issue. Funding sources for an additional path are being considered.</p> <p>KR to discuss this with staff and look at alternative dismissal arrangements to use in bad weather.</p> <p>KR to feedback this back to staff.</p> <p>House captain application process is currently open.</p> <p>Ongoing. KR to update parents in the Spring Term.</p> |
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| | <p>weekly basis and school staff are very conscious of. We want to be able to display the children's work around school and in classrooms. School are tied into using approved contractors within the first 12 months of being in the building so our hands are tied in terms of the speed at which this is completed, unfortunately. It is a priority and we will continue to chase this up regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents would like more opportunities to come into school. Some year groups have been invited in for Topic sessions and in EYFS for Stay and Play sessions. Other year groups haven't. • Timings of parent forum meetings was raised. Some parents would prefer these to take part at different times of the day. KR and CCal with look at alternative timings for future meetings and communicate these with parents. • Playground equipment. Parents asked if this is something that would be added to. KR explained that now that the re-tarmacing had been done. The play equipment and wooden huts from the old site would be moved over to the new playground. Work would continue on this until early Spring. • Size of the hall. Some parents feel that the hall isn't big enough for school events like plays. This hadn't been considered when designing the school. KR agreed that this had caused difficulty for some of the upcoming Christmas services and had meant that events had been split, like the KS2 service. Unfortunately, school hadn't been included in the designs for the new building but the concerns had already been noted by staff and fed back to SCC. | <p>KR to speak to staff in all year groups to plan in events for Spring Term.</p> |
| Any Other Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second hand uniform and a swap shop for costumes/PE kit/coats was also discussed. Discussed the possibility of this running alongside a coffee morning possibly. | <p>KR to discuss this further with the PTFA to see if this is something that they could support school with.</p> |