



Parents Forum Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting	27.09.2019
Notes recorded by	Sarah Windram
Present at meeting: As per attendance sheet/Macmillan Coffee Morning	
<p>Meeting Chaired by Clare Larkin Head of School.</p> <p>Parents thanked for attending and for the cake donations in support of the MacMillan Coffee Morning.</p> <p>Introductions and congratulations offered to:</p> <p>Head Boy: Ollie Head Girl: Lilly Deputy Head Boy: Leon Deputy Head Girl: Anais</p> <p>Parent’s feedback and questions invited as always.</p> <p>Ofsted framework guidance fairest so far, they appear to be wanting to see creative curriculums that challenge and engage all learners. CL will be arranging to share this with parents one evening along with teachers. Action: Clare to arrange</p> <p>New marking scheme has been trialled then implemented this term, saves teachers on average an hour and a half a day. Teachers share positive feedback verbally with children along with misconceptions and are given the opportunity to edit their own work. May look different in books with less red pen (teachers) and green pen (children’s edits). Will be reviewed every half term to ensure consistency. Children loving it so far and teachers using extra time for further developing planning and resources.</p> <p>Mindfulness and wellbeing strategies and support is embedded throughout the school in class, forest school, pastoral, EYFS and Tree Tots. This will be shared in more detail in a future parent’s forum.</p> <p>FOLT appeal for parents and carers to join in with events, this extra funding for school is invaluable and has provided invaluable resources for the children such as football kits and play equipment. The volunteers time and effort are always appreciated and children and families love the events that are put on. Please join their volunteer team to help it continue.</p> <p>Parent’s question: KS1 Enrichment has been tweaked, children are missing this. Can children be reassured that they will have this at some point? Action: CL to investigate and feedback at next meeting.</p> <p>Uniform School acknowledges cost of uniform and how strict school are with this. These standards will be maintained. Children are proud of their uniform and this attracts a lot of</p>	



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compliments when out in the community at High Schools etc Owl and Badger have met with school, quality appears ok, they will amend colours and bring a batch in to school. These are currently cheaper and they will also offer uniform at cost price to school for free school meals children which can be spent on other things to benefit the children. Also requested a smaller book bag and shoulder style, portrait, style book bags, but these may be more expensive as they are more bespoke. Will benefit with from competition, potentially cheaper prices as is online (code for free school meal children). PE hoodies have been in the school for many years, looking to implement a 'sweater', again may be cheaper. Feedback from parents is always welcome.

Action: Clare to feedback at next meeting.

Learning Walk completed by Clare Larkin and Simon Beswick who is an NLE (National Leader in Education) yesterday. Research shows that by spending at least 5 mins in each class this gives a truer reflection of flavour of school. Feedback from Clare to the Forum about outstanding teacher performance and excellent engagement seen within every class. Children were on task and learning was phenomenal in comparison to other schools Clare has worked in; active learning in forest school, active learning and in some working in pairs or silence according to the need of the activity. This feedback has been shared with Governors and will be shared with staff. Another NLE from a local outstanding school will be coming in to carry out a quality assurance exercise which will be reciprocated.

Numbers only two classes within the school are not oversubscribed, reflective within Trafford as all schools are full but when children move into catchment, we can become oversubscribed to meet the needs of the individual families. Good to be popular and to be able to demonstrate the increased demand for the school.

ESOL Lime Tree have commenced free English Language classes for parents and friends in school or the local community, offered 8 places and 20 people registered which is the greatest number of registrations they had encountered since the commencement of the service. We now run two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, if you are interested in joining please let the office know. Important for parents to be able to support parents with their children and feel part of the community. Have beginners and advanced classes.

Key Dates ran through

- Volunteers requested for FOLT Film night on Wednesday
- 14th October will open online for parents' consultations dates for actual consultations to follow. Parents evening will be Tuesday 29th October and Wednesday 30th October.
- 14th October pm Year 4 Bhangra Dancing

Decreased afterschool activities Government agenda to reduce teacher's workload had to be smarter with teacher's time. More activities are held in the mornings to try and get the children active before school. Less external companies? Treehouse numbers are at 80 which restricts space for clubs. Music classes have also stopped but this was popular.

Action: Clare to look at this.

PE Kit query indoor and outdoor kit letter that was sent home, differs to website. Pumps are not required in school; dark trainers are preferred as outside activity is encouraged. T shirts, shorts, hoodie and tracksuit bottoms.



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Action: Clare to look at website.

Homework sharing inconsistent approach for this being shown affecting motivation of children to complete or show this. Works in different ways depending on class. If there are lots of homework 'homework share carousel' is used. Requested individual feedback so can identify specific classes where this is an issue.

Actions:

1. Ofsted Framework to be presented to parents
2. Clarity on KS1 Enrichment
3. Mindfulness and wellbeing session to be held for parents
4. Feedback at next meeting about new uniform supplier and costs.
5. Decreased after school activities
6. PE Kit on website to be reviewed

Date of next meeting	Monday 18th November Agenda Children's books and the new marking system
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