



OLD BEXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT FORUM MINUTES

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Attendees:

Jumoke Adebisi (JA)	Year 5 Representative
Katie Allgood (KA)	Year 2 Representative
Sandra Brown (SB)	Year 1 Representative
Abby Dunlop (AD)	Year 4 Representative
Kat Ford (KF)	Reception Representative
Emma Francis (EF)	Year 6 Representative
Alex Mills (AM)	Year 3 Representative

Mrs G England (GE)	Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs J Netherton (JN)	Deputy Head Teacher
Jenny Stevens (JS)	Forum Secretary

Actions from Previous Minutes

- Chess club: we currently have 3 parent volunteers. A request has been issued for any unwanted chess sets. JN has asked for an expression of interest from pupils in KS2. The club will initially start with Years 5-6 and if successful will be opened to Years 3-4. The club will start after Easter on a Friday lunchtime.
- Road safety: the School Council will be holding a road safety poster competition. It is hoped this will raise awareness amongst parents.

School Agenda Items

School Vision

- JN/GE asked Forum members what they knew of the school's vision. Members said they were aware of it and that children sometimes refer to the Fruits of the Spirit and the Kindness book at home. EF said that the role of the Mountain Climbers seems to have gone quiet recently.

Parent Agenda Items

Nursery

- No representative

Reception

- Lack of forest school activities in Reception:
JN/GE explained that Old Bexley is not a Forest School but we do promote outside activities as much as possible: we have a pond, a bug hotel and use the field in the summer.

Year 1

- No items raised

Year 2

- When will the outside facilities be reviewed as they do not provide a stimulating environment with a lack of play facilities, buddy benches and wellbeing spaces:
JN/GE responded that climbing frames are not suitable for a school of our size and are too dangerous. We have sports coaches in both playgrounds at lunch who organise games with the children. Mrs Ivil has already spoken to the School Council about ways of making the outside areas more fun.

At the start of each academic year, the PTA provide money for each year group for outside resources. There are floor markings on the playgrounds which children use and benches are available in each playground. The field is used in the summer whenever possible.

EF mentioned the Opal play project but JN replied that our staff are Jenny Mosely trained and set up games and activities for the children to do. We will however look at any additional training for the Midday Supervisors and consider any other options.

KA was asked to liaise with the parent who had raised the issue to see if they had a particular resource in mind. **ACTION: KA**

- Can the school PE tops be changed to blue instead of white?
JN/GE said that it was important to distinguish between PE and school tops to ensure the children were wearing the correct uniform.
- Are there any plans to use the school pond for lessons this year?
There is a risk assessment in place and the pond can be used. GE/JN will remind each year group of this resource. **ACTION: GE/JN**
- Will there still be a school crossing patrol if a zebra crossing is installed?
JN/GE said the crossing will be installed during the summer holidays. As far as we know, we will continue to benefit from both the crossing and the patrol. Once installed, children will receive an assembly on how to cross the road safely using a zebra crossing.
- How will classes be organised near year?
Parents will be advised as soon as we have more information from the Trust.

Year 3

- AM was going to raise Parents Evening but this has since been communicated to parents.

Year 4

- Will children in Years 5 and 6 be set next year?
JN/GE confirmed that these year groups will be set for maths and English next year.
- Grandparent event – not all families have grandparents who can attend:
JN/GE explained that the event is held to recognise the role grandparents play in many families as they often help with the school run but never get invited in to school events. There is only one event for grandparents in Year 3, and one event for Year 4.

Years 5 and 6

- School trips:
JA asked if it would be possible for a list of trips and the approximate cost at the start of each school year. She suggested setting up a voluntary fund where parents could pay more if they wanted to help out with the cost of trips. **ACTION: GE/JN** to investigate

AM asked whether school noticeboards in the school grounds could be used to remind parents of upcoming trips.

EF said that many families in Year 6 felt it was unfair to receive messages about events being cancelled due to a lack of support when they have paid for their child. The recent message on Google Classroom was confusing and not well communicated. **ACTION: GE/JN** to feedback

Forum parents suggested that we ask parents if we ever need any help with resources as many parents can source things from work.