**MPA Parent Council Meeting**

**20 October 2022**

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| **YR** | **Y1** | **Y2** | **Y3** | **Y4** | **Y5** | **Y6** |
| Sarah Eveleigh | Nicola Chalk | Francesca Brand | Marty Oliver | Lisa Lee | Emma Wilkinson | Gemma Black |

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| **Item** | **Feedback** |
| **Actions from Last Meeting** | Development Point – Reception  **We absolutely love being invited into school more now and the events which we can be a part of. However, if we could have even more notice where possible we would really appreciate it (just so people can get time off work, ideally 2 months)**  We have taken this into account and will do our best to give longer time frames.  *Development Point – Year 1*  **Some parents did not think it was fair to hand out Ten Pin Bowling and Play 2 Day Vouchers to the children who were ‘Good to be Green’ all term.**  ***There was a discussion about Year 1 children being split. Some parents did not like this. We discussed the issue with a growing school and a PAN of 20.***  *Development Point – Year 2*  **Can children be awarded a certificate for reading at home and receive recognition for working at home?**  *In classes they are looking at rewards for reading at home and trialling different things. We will continue to look at this and feedback.*  *Development Point – Year 3*  ***More Forest School and cricket if we have the opportunity please.***  *Forest school sessions are planned. Cricket was a funded project we will see what else we can offer the children. We will run a cricket club in the Summer.*  Development Point – Year 4  **Children to have diaries.**  **Parking safely, could a message be added to the Friday Flyer again?**  We do continue to add this to the FF. As HT I try to monitor parking as much as possible when doing the gate duty. There is a car park next door which families can use.  Development Point – Year 5  **It is hard for some parents who work during school hours to come into school. Some parents feel there is a good mix of events during the school day and out of school hours.**  **Purple jumpers in Year 6. One parent said initially their child was not happy but that soon changed when they felt grown up. It separates the children in a good way.**  Development Point – Year 6  **Concerns over Parking – On the zig zags and over driveways.** |
| **Head Teacher Feedback** | * **How has the term started?** * **What are your thoughts on the Attendance Awards?**   **Reception**  Extremely Positive –  Some Comments below  • “Great! Our child is very settled.”  • “Very positive for the whole family”  • “Amazingly! My ‘Children’ just love everything here!”  **Year 1**  All positive. The children are settled, and the learning has been fun. Parents evening was constructive. Parents feel the teaching in Y1 has been excellent.  Attendance Award – parents do not agree. If there was to be an attendance award can it be 97%+  **Year 2**  The teacher is great.  Learning and experiences have been fun.  The children are excited by the school trip.  Attendance Award – NO  **Year 3**  Extremely Positive –  Some Comments below  • “Great! Our child is very settled.”  • “Very positive for the whole family”  • “Amazingly! My ‘Children’ just love everything here!”  Divided 80%, negative (being conservative), and those that were positive, expressed some concerns on the children being penalised for being ill.  Penalising Children for being off sick or attending a family life changing event seems to target the wrong Children, wrong behaviours and beyond the Childs control.  Suggestions:  -There have been suggestions that a tiering of achievements (90%, 95%, 100%) may be a fairer approach.  -Make the award for something the children can be responsible for and not the Parent!  -There was mention that sickness may no longer negatively impacts the attendance score anymore, perhaps current criteria/scheme could be communicated to parents for clarity.  See some of the strong comments below, again this is JUST a summary! Tired to add some of the positives also  •“I feel it is discriminatory to those children who through no fault of their own become unwell”  •“I understand how important attendance is but I feel attendance should be dealt with on an individual basis”.  •“Contradictory when children are asked to stay off school when sick, yet, punished if they do so by losing the attendance award! ”  •“Gives a message that being ill is bad/naughty”  •“Totally understand why the school needs to promote attendance, but fee that the awards often don’t target the children that it needs to”.  •“It’s the schools rules that they cannot come in for the safety of Others. If people are trying to win awards”  •As with “lateness, this is more a reflection of the parents time keeping rather than the child”  •“Personally I don’t agree with attendance awards”, “sometimes absence is beyond the child’s control”, “child is then left feeling like they have done something wrong and will be punished for this at the end of the year by not being able to receive the award.  •“Good incentive, children seem invested.”  •“I think this encourages them to want to be at school”  •“I think it’s a good idea ..my child looks forward and works towards getting this and also understands that sometimes you might not get it and that’s ok but it’s something to strive for”  **2 Positives**  **Learning Trips**  • Lovely to have the school trip and lots of fun activities.  • Stone age has encouraged my daughter to want to be an archologist, she is loving this topic.  • The Stone Age trip.  **Communication and the General School Ethos**  • As always lovely friendly staff including catering team their newsletter was a nice touch. We feel really lucky to be part of such a caring school.  • Such lovely friendly , approachable teachers and staff.  • My child loves her teachers, enjoys her lessons everyday.  • Good communication as always. It’s nice they always send reminders.  • Excellent communication.  • The school has been extremely supportive and lovely.  • Really like Mrs Newton, very approachable and deals with any problems quickly.  **Development Point**  None  **Year 4**  Children have loved the start of the term.  There has been so much to do – colour run, trips, gardening club.  **Development Point**  outdoor shoes  Attendance Award – the children like receiving these. The parents are not fussed about these awards.  **Year 5**  The start of term has been great.  Stunning start was lots of fun! 10 good deeds / Cooking experiences. Mr Lazarus decorating the classroom for Halloween.  Attendance Award = NO  **Year 6**  It has started well.  Been full on but it is year 6, so expected. Great to see Year 6 already growing up, taking on responsibilities and growing in self-belief from all the exciting opportunities they have had.  Get the reason behind them but unsure is the general feel - If your child’s sick and physically not allowed to return for 48hrs- what can you do? Being in isolation, has hit everyone’s immune systems hard (adults included) and that’s going to take time Some children have on going medical issues eg. asthma and will have time off over winter months  **2 Positives**  **Cake sale** - Pupils and parents / grandparents loved the cake sale. great to see the children taking on their roles so seriously.  **Thorpe Woodlands** - we have heard so many lovely stories.  **Development Point**  None  The meeting was cut short due to issues with Zoom.  Miss Churchman will not give 100% attendance badges this year due to issues raised by parents. |
| **Date of Next Meeting** | Thursday 24 November @ 2.00pm |