

MPA Parent Council Meeting

18 January 2023

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Victoria Hillier	No Rep	Nicola Chalk	Francesca Brand	Marty Oliver	No Rep	Emma Wilkinson

Apologies for Absence	None
Item	Feedback
Actions from Last Meeting	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few parents have had trouble with their children getting addicted to Ed shed once they are on it (a few competitive boys) so it makes managing their "screen time" on it difficult. A time limit or mastery of a subject would be useful. This is a parental issue. We say 15 minutes each day. We promote healthy screen time in school. We recognise this isn't the school but we wanted to highlight that sourcing uniform from the uniform supplier has been a nightmare some of us are still waiting for our orders even though we got them in, in time to guarantee delivery. We will follow this up – This is feedback we have received.... <p>Delivery Times – Unfortunately the 800% increase in web orders this year had been very unexpected and it was planned to decrease after the covid effect had worn off. 95% of our orders pre cut off deadline 12th august were delivered in time for the start of the term. Each year we send our cut off deadlines across to schools and ask for these to be replayed to parents. Encouraging everyone to order before the deadline to ensure the swift arrival in time for the new school year. – The cut off for 2024 will be the same Monday 12th August. I will make a note for this to be sent directly to you once the flyer arrives next year as Katie is no longer with you.</p> <p>Appointment system this year had more availability than any previous years with us increasing our capacity by an extra 2 / 3 appointments every 20 minutes. – For 2024 back to school the appointment system will be destroyed and we will just be managing the numbers in store at any one go. (Maybe queues) but I believe this will make lives easier on all the parents.</p> <p>We take all feedback positive and negative on board and strive to change each time. The feedback of concern this year was the appointments and parents just wanting to walk in to purchase one item and not being able to. As stated above 2024 will be different to the previous 4 years.</p> <p><u>Year 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major issues with PMG Schoolwear and quality of school jumpers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some parents had difficulty with booking slots for Parents Evening on Arbor. <p><u>Year 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Awards for the whole class – could this be implemented in a different way to make it fair for children. We discussed this at length. Last year our attendance was low. We need to raise the profile of good attendance. Will seek pupil views and feedback.
<p>Head Teacher Feedback</p>	<p>Parent Survey Results</p> <p>We discussed the Parent Survey – lots of positives that the school is very proud of. Parents spoke very highly about the work that the school does. They recognised that we are a small school with a child focussed approach.</p> <p>The main issues were - Recruitment for Holly Blue Class. It is difficult as parent perception is different from the real situation in school. We have been unfortunate over personal choices of teachers over the last 18 months. There is not a recruitment issue at MPA. A lot of staff have worked at the school for a number of years. They are also happy to be at the school.</p> <p>Grounds Development – field / playground etc. This is on hold as we are starting a development project in the Summer Term. We don't want to waste money on areas that could be impacted by the upcoming building work.</p>
<p>Reception</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone happy! Children are engaged. They are learning in a fun way. Phonics. Quick response to closing of wraparound care. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>No Representative</p>
<p>Year 2</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Really grateful for your help in arranging out of school child cover after the surprise with Alpha nurseries closing late into the Christmas break. And even more thankful for the new offer which is even better than the prior one.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We really enjoyed the nativity and could see how much work had gone into it. It was really lovely to see the children helping each other and they all looked so cute. Thank you to all involved in making it happen. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <p>We were grateful for the letter we received about the reading scheme. However, there is naturally a range of reading abilities within the class so it would be good to have a rough idea of what level is expected for year 2 and where they might be expected by the end of the year? It'd also be good to know when levels get reviewed to ensure they are challenged enough when they need to be.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miss Markham goes out of her way to talk to parents. She is brilliant. Creative approach to learning is so valued. Festive Fun! Grateful for everything the school did before Christmas. Carol – She is brilliant! We want to make sure that Carol and her team get recognition. The desserts at Christmas were unbelievable. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <p>Key Texts – Do parents have to buy these? Can they be provided by the school?</p>
<p>Year 4</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Thorpe – Huge improvements in Maths. The way he is teaching Maths has significant impact. Really impressive. How Miss Churchman sorted “wrap around care!” The effort of the school was really valued. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <p>Can we have a clear overview of the planned building work that is proposed for the school?</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>No Representative</p>

<p>Year 6</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p>2 <u>Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love the Year 6 champions! The children love this as do the families. • Home Learning really like it this term. • Bikeability – parents and children loved this. • Money for end of year for Year 6? <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was alloy on in December! • Can we see the photos from Thorpe Woodlands please?
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 25 April @ 2.00pm</p>