

MPA Parent Council Meeting

25 April 2024

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

Apologies for Absence	Victoria and Francesca
Item	Feedback
Actions from Last Meeting	<p>Year 2</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><i>This has been shared via the Spring Book Blog.</i></p> <p>Year 3</p> <p>Key Texts – Do parents have to buy these? Can they be provided by the school?</p> <p><i>We discussed recycling books and parents felt this would be good. However, this does not stop the cost to parents. Miss Churchman shared that she is going to try and get a local business to sponsor a set of books for children in KS2. This would be approx. £200 per set. This will be a priority for the school. Will update but would hope this would be in place for September.</i></p> <p>Year 4</p> <p>Can we have a clear overview of the planned building work that is proposed for the school?</p> <p><i>There was a meeting this week which parents were invited to. There will be a tab on the website caked school development. Parents can access key information on here.</i></p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>There was a lot on in December!</p> <p><i>Miss Churchman is trying not to plan as much. However, she likes to plan things for the children and the community. She believes this is important but will take into account over planning.</i></p>

	<p>Can we see the photos from Thorpe Woodlands please?</p> <p><i>There was a screening on Thursday 26 April.</i></p>
<p>Head Teacher Feedback</p>	<p>Should we relax the Summer uniform?</p> <p>Small Blues</p> <p><i>No feedback about uniform.</i></p> <p>Year 1</p> <p><i>No Rep</i></p> <p>Year 2</p> <p>They agree no tie is necessary for the Summer.</p> <p>Year 3</p> <p>A big, big yes to relaxed summer uniform from lots of parents.</p> <p>Year 4</p> <p>Yes, we should but do not need a polo shirt as this is something else to buy.</p> <p>Year 5</p> <p>No Rep</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>Happy to relax it but the children do love their ties and their badges.</p> <p>REACH2 are developing parent councils across schools. As we are established would parents be happy to meet Mrs Harper and talk about their role and the impact of Parent Council?</p> <p>Marty Oliver – Yes Emma Wilkinson – Yes Nichola Chalk – Yes</p>
<p>Reception</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <p>Parents asked why there were not as many posts on tapestry recently? They really value the updates on their children.</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"> • Parents really valued the Spring Reading Blog. They loved the recommendations for books, especially the parents of boys as they were stuck for choices as their children like football books. • The children loved the Stunning Start, they were really excited to begin the new theme in such an exciting way. Thank you. • The parents are happy to know that the Y2 children will be staying together in Y3. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls are reporting its hard to get the soap to wash their hands in the toilet.
<p>Year 3</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brilliant school trip, children absolutely loved it and another fun one in the pipeline. • Children have really engaged in this term's topic, Miss Markham is amazing and has a really great, positive way of pushing children to the next level with fun rewards and house points. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would it be possible to mix up after school clubs, eg. basketball, rugby, athletics? • Also, parents have mentioned is there any possible way they can respond to trips on Arbor rather than having to print out and complete forms. <p>Many thanks for letting us have a voice. It means a lot.</p>
<p>Year 4</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children and parents love Mr Thorpe's teaching style. Their confidence and enjoyment this year has been fantastic. The children are loving Y4. • The school activities are fantastic. The parents love the fabulous finishes and being welcomed to school to learn with their children. They are such well thought activities that the children and parents value.

	<p><u>Development Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We know this is not the school but the parking opposite the school is dangerous. We know that you ask parents not to park here regularly. What more can be done?
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>No Representative</p>
<p>Year 6</p> <p>2 Positives 1 Development</p>	<p><u>2 Positives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children and parents really value the rewards for the children. The Easter homework and Domino's was really valued. The children loved their visit to Kiln Farm – they had a great day! The children LOVE their hoodies. They mean so much to the children. They are so proud to be wearing them. Mr Snowling is so welcoming. His greetings in the mornings to parents and children is great. <p><u>Development Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pro-Strike fundraising made some families feel uncomfortable as they felt pressured to get money so their child could get prizes. Just something to consider. <p>Miss Churchman thanked Emma Wilkinson as she has been a parent rep for 7 years. She has been a very positive supporter of the school, and this has been really valued. Thank you, Emma for all you have done for the MPA community. We are MPA and we are proud.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>October 2024. Dates to be agreed at the start of the next academic year.</p>