

Parent Forum-26.02.19

Present-Mrs Wicks, Mrs Waller, Ms Hale, Mrs Greenbank, Mrs Haunch, Mrs Beale, Mrs LeGrice, Mrs Cassell, Mrs Moxham, Mrs Davis, Mrs Burridge

Apologies Received-None

Dates of Next Meetings-30.04.19 2pm, 18.06.19

Whole school questions

- A question was asked about Parent’s Evening-Children may join their parents if they would like to when they are in KS2.
- The group had a discussion around Classlist and commented that it is hard to find older information. It would be useful to have a search function. The group discussed that there is a Classlist app update available which may help resolve some issues. Parents to feedback suggestions to the Classlist company as they may then be able to adapt their app further.

	Points for Discussion	Points Discussed	Actions
R	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A question was asked about who will be teaching in Stars class after Easter.• Mrs Wicks explained that a staffing letter is going to be sent out today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing letter to be sent to Stars class.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mindfulness• Handouts• School gate timings• Drinking water• Washing Hands• World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to the year 1 staff for the mindfulness sessions they do. A parent commented that their child loves it and it really helps her mood after school and general calmness. She has been keen to practise at home too.• Thank you for your feedback, these sessions will continue.• A parent asked if all handouts (phonics info, homework as examples) can be posted electronically on the website under year 1?• Discussed this as a group. Children are given the handouts so they should all be bringing one home, thank you to the parents who help when needed if someone has forgotten to bring their one home.• A parent asked, what time do the school gates open?• Mrs Wicks explained that the gates are on a timer and are open from 8.40am each morning.• A parent repeated their request to help children drink water during the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 teachers to repeat their reminders to the class about drinking water and also to remind them of the importance of hand washing.• Newsletter to include further details about children not wearing World

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children have been reminded, Mrs Wicks explained that we will feedback this back to teachers to remind again. A parent commented that some children don't wash hands when visiting toilet which is increasing the potential for diseases spreading. We will ask teachers to remind the children. A parent asked if they could have advance notice of requirements for things like World Book Day to give parent chance to prepare. Details about World Book Day were included in the newsletter before half term. There will be a further communication in the newsletter about this as the children will not be dressing up this year. 	Book Day costumes this year.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you Library After School Football Reading Bad Weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to all the Year 2 staff for their continued hard work. A question was asked about if the class go to the library regularly. Yes, they will be going every Tuesday afternoon. If children could ensure they bring their library books back we can then start to change them each week. After school football - is there any update for the provision of after school football and the possibility of bringing back Premier Skills even if it's at a cost to participating children? Mrs Wicks explained that we have a contract with Game On so this will have an impact on the clubs and we need to ensure we have enough playground space. A parent commented that the children reading with parent volunteers are very enthusiastic and keen. It has been nice to read with specific children as well as a range of readers across the class. Thank you for your feedback, where possible a range of children will be able to read with the parent helpers. Could the school advise how they decide whether to close in bad weather? All of the Harpenden heads have a remote meeting. Where possible a joint decision is made, however, different schools have different circumstances. For example, secondary schools have big teams of site managers who can clear their sites, some schools have staff who can all walk to work and can therefore still open on some occasions. Mrs Wicks explained that we currently have no site manager, our teaching staff aren't local so couldn't get to work safely in enough time to then clear the whole site before the children arrived and we always have to decide on the safest option for children, staff and parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 teachers to build in time for a variety of children to read with parent helpers where possible.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework sheets Thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the date please be added to the homework sheet? Are the children still doing projects? Some families are missing having this choice. Yes, we will ensure this is added back on and check that projects are included on to the homework sheet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Wicks to pass homework feedback to Mr Brittin.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Mr Brittin for his engaging teaching style. A parent commented that there is always so much enthusiasm at home regarding what is being taught. 	
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths Learning • Behaviour Reminder • Play Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent asked is there any way to find out more about what they're learning in maths? • Please check on the year group planner for further information, if you have any other specific questions please email the admin account and this can be passed on to class teachers. Parents Evening next week would be a good opportunity to ask the teacher if you have any specific questions. • Could some children be reminded about what constitutes nice behaviour around other children? • Mrs Wicks said yes of course, we will talk to the class and build this into PSHE lessons. • A parent commented that sometimes there isn't enough play equipment left for their child to play with. Could the HSA help to fund some more equipment for the older children, or perhaps parents could help? • Mrs Wicks explained that we have already ordered some equipment, we will ask the children what they would like and see if we can purchase some extra new things. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 teachers to build in feedback from parents into their PSHE lessons. • Senior Leadership team to ask children which equipment they like playing with at break and lunchtimes and see if we can purchase any new equipment.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 House Captains • Thank you • Leaver's Jumpers • Bikeability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent commented that Yr 5 house captains don't seem to do very much and weren't utilised in the house learning day. • It was explained that the Year 6s have a bigger role as they are the house captains. The vice captains helped as part of the house learning day by supporting the younger children but weren't involved beforehand. Mrs Waller explained that the Year 5 vice captains play a bigger role in the house activities within the summer term when they plan the house charity fundraising with the Year 6 captains. • A big thank you for the open book evening this was lovely to spend some time looking through their books. • Thank you for the chess club as targets different pupils. • Also a big thank you for the maths challenge. • Leaver's Jumpers • Mrs Wicks and Mrs Moxham are going to meet to discuss this further and Mrs Moxham will be in contact as class rep. • A few questions were asked about "Bikeability" next week. • Discussed "Bikeability" logistics. Mrs Moxham will send out a classlist with further information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Wicks and Mrs Moxham to meet about the Leaver's jumpers. • Class rep to send out some further information about Bikeability-thank you.
Year 6 Asteroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you so much to Mrs Kemp, the assembly was great and all of the parents and children really appreciate all of Mrs Kemp's hard work this year. She will be greatly missed. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Wicks explained that Mr Comer is starting next week which we will include a handover period with Mrs Kemp. Mrs Wicks will update the parents about who will teach the class on a Monday once someone has been appointed. 	
Year 6 Aquila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy Bench • Assembly • Thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that the buddy bench often has things on it (or muddy footprints) so people don't use it much. • Thank you for your feedback, we will allocate some Year 6s to check this and monitor and look into getting a box for the fruit. • Parents said thank you so much for a great WWII assembly. Everyone had worked so hard and it was a real pleasure to watch. • Thank you to Mr Yeldham for his help and dedication to the children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 to monitor the buddy bench