

Parent Forum

17/12/2019

09:15am

Tranmere Park Primary School

Chair	Alison Hodgson
Minutes	Mark Howorth
Attendees	Kuldeep Bagri (Bluebirds) Lucy Owen (Eagles) Francesca Lewis-Calzado (Skylarks) Joanne Vine (Skylarks) Kaneez Kishver (Kingfishers) David Wright (Skylarks/ Woodpeckers) Ali Bull (Red Kites) Sam Goodison (Woodpeckers) Joanne Cooke (Falcons) Helen Careford (Falcons/Doves) Kylee Marsden (Eagles) Jo Perkins (Woodpeckers) Liz Worley (Puffins) Fanny Walters (Doves)

Apologies Claire Armstrong (Doves)
Jodie Davis (Bluebirds)
Eleanor Moss (Robins)
Louise Bates (Hérons)

Minutes

Agenda item: Update from Headteacher **Presenter:** A. HODGSON

Discussion:

AH updated the PF with progress on the School Development Plan and the key objectives for the school.

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**

No Actions Required

Agenda item: Celebrations and Concerns

Presenter: All Attendees

Discussion:

Each class provides feedback from parents within each class.

Bluebirds/Robins

Class Celebrations/Concerns	General/School-wide Celebrations/Concerns
<p>A Huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and efforts in the Christmas production and in getting that many 4 year olds ready for their Christmas party!</p> <p><i>REPLY – Many thanks, we are glad that you enjoyed it! The children were all superstars!</i></p> <p>Can the photo that was sent to the newspaper at the start of the year be re-distributed to parents who missed it in the paper?</p> <p><i>REPLY: We are exploring options with this! There will be the official class photographs on 7th May 2020 that you will then be able to purchase but we will have a think over Christmas about the newspaper picture and let you know!</i></p> <p>Is there any possibility of the Learning Journeys being put onto an online program?</p> <p><i>REPLY: Parents were consulted on this a couple of years ago and the preference then was a book – as it can be kept as a keep-sake. We can certainly look into this if there is a strong desire to change</i></p>	

Eagles –

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<p>Thank you so much to all of the teachers and assistants for the concert! It was fantastic!</p> <p><i>REPLY: Many thanks! The children all worked so hard!</i></p> <p>The word games that are being sent home are really good and it is so good to see the reading of the children is really coming on</p> <p><i>REPLY: We think so too. The games are making a real difference to the children's reading fluency and recognition of common exception words.</i></p> <p>All of the staff in Eagles are doing a fantastic job, special mention to Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Holland for the Parents Evening. The parents are all really happy with the progress the children are making.</p> <p><i>REPLY: Thank you, that's really nice to hear!</i></p>	<p>A big thank you to the PTA for the Christmas Fair – it was awesome</p> <p><i>REPLY: We are so grateful to the PTA and all of the time and effort they have put in to the bake offs, grotto, gift wrapping and Christmas Fair! The amount they raised was phenomenal!</i></p> <p>We have seen on the YouGov website that the results for writing seemed to be lower than usual...</p> <p><i>REPLY: The results published on the YouGov website look at the Progress results of the children and not the Attainment Unfortunately the progress measure looks at the progress children make from the end of KS1 to the end of KS2. We work really hard as a school to make sure that attainment at the end of KS1 is high, as we believe that this best prepares the children for the challenges of a more in depth and broad curriculum at KS2. However, with such high attainment at KS1 it is always going to be</i></p>

	<p><i>a challenge for us to show more than average progress at the end of KS2. If a child achieves greater depth standard at KS1, and then maintains this to greater depth standard at the end of KS2, that would be classed as average progress on the Gov website. We are aware that the progress measure for writing at the end of KS2 for last year's cohort was slightly below average but we predicted this (as the writing assessments at the end of KS2 are a teacher assessment and not a SAT test) and know the particular circumstances for the very small number of pupils identified as not making the required amount of progress from KS1 last year. However, we are looking closely at writing as a development point this year and particularly how we can best support children to maintain higher attainment levels across KS2. In terms of attainment, 95% of our pupils met the expected standard at the end of KS2 Vs 78% national average and 74% Leeds average. At the greater depth standard 23% of pupils attained at this level Vs 20% national average and 17% Leeds average. These results still place us in the top 5% of schools nationally.</i></p> <p>There have been a few near misses on the roads close to school as drivers appear to be driving too fast!</p> <p><i>REPLY: We would ask all of our families coming to school at both drop off and pick up to be mindful of the speed limit on the estate and to be especially careful around the school. Due to the weather, more people will be walking on the road so please be extremely careful when driving around school.</i></p>
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Skylarks

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<p>Miss Bell is doing a fantastic job and is really friendly</p> <p>Miss Bell is always really welcoming and makes time to chat, which is really appreciated</p> <p><i>REPLY: Please continue to liaise with Miss Bell if you have any queries, questions or concerns.</i></p> <p>The Concert was amazing, and we were really proud of the children. It was particularly great that all of the children go a part in it!</p> <p><i>REPLY: The children did a great job learning all their lines, we were very proud too!</i></p> <p>Jingles the Elf has been a great addition to the classroom and is very popular with the children!</p>	

Hérons –

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<p>Many thanks for the Christmas Concert and the hard work and encouragement that went into it!</p> <p><i>REPLY: Many thanks, we are glad you enjoyed it!</i></p> <p>The handmade Christmas Cards were really good</p> <p><i>REPLY: Thank you. Mrs Chavda enjoyed printing the penguins with the children too.</i></p>	<p>The information evening about TT Rockstars was really good – but can there be a handout sent out?</p> <p><i>REPLY: There was a video shared on Tranmere Times which gave a little bit of background to the system. We can re-share this and we will ask Mr. Sutton to share something after Christmas</i></p> <p>The banana board displaying lunch has not been updated recently</p> <p><i>REPLY: It has been a busy time for all of the children and it is a Year 6 helper that has this responsibility! We will speak to them about this!</i></p> <p>There have been some dogs seen on the playground still</p> <p><i>REPLY: We have asked all our families not to bring dogs onto school grounds or tie them up on school fencing or gates. This has been via email, text message through the PF and also on the Tranmere Times. The reason for this is that some of our children are scared of the dogs and parents regularly complain about dogs being in and around school. We have put up new signs at each gate to demonstrate that dogs are not welcome at school (apart from guide dogs, obviously). Although the dog may be very calm and placid (or a puppy and therefore need to be carried...) it is an animal and therefore can be unpredictable. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY DOGS TO SCHOOL!</i></p>

Red Kites

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<p>The Christmas concert was great, thank you!</p> <p><i>REPLY: Many thanks – the children and staff all worked really hard so we are glad you enjoyed it!</i></p> <p>We have been told that there has not been a PE class recently</p> <p><i>REPLY: Each class gets one hall slot each week and we do struggle for space at school. We do use our outdoor space frequently and go outside and the teachers do conduct PE outside on a regular basis. Due to the Christmas shows there have been occasions where regular classes have been affected – to ensure that rehearsals and practice is completed but we will look to ensure that PE continues to happen.</i></p>	<p>Is there any way of children who have a packed lunch having Christmas Dinner as a one-off?</p> <p><i>REPLY: Sadly not. This is for several reasons but in short the logistics around ordering, the administration of the payments and the safeguarding around allergies means that this is not possible for such a short term arrangement of one day.</i></p> <p>The balls at break and lunch time are flat!</p> <p><i>REPLY: We will pump them up!</i></p> <p>Apparently, some children are waiting at classroom doors for the whistle to go and then going straight into class, rather than lining up on the playground. This is making some other children are not going up to the playground to line up either.</p> <p><i>REPLY: All of our children have different needs and sometimes we make professional decisions about play time and where the children individually go. However, particular arrangements are in place for a very small number of children and most should be lining up on the playground. We will ask our staff to be vigilant and</i></p>

	<p><i>ensure that the children are where they are supposed to be.</i></p> <p>Can we be provided with information of how the Outdoor Classroom is being used?</p> <p><i>REPLY: We continue to run our Muddy Puddles Days, and the Outdoor Classroom is providing an excellent base for these activities to be run from. We also have a weekly "Forest Rangers" activity and these groups are using the classroom during their sessions. It is providing us with a great "outdoor base" and this will obviously increase as we get into the warmer, drier weather.</i></p>
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Woodpeckers –

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<p>The bus for swimming continues to be late? Can the kids not walk down?</p> <p><i>REPLY: The bus is arranged by the Swimming Team and not by the school. Consequently, this bus is used by a school at a different leisure center prior to coming to our school. If that school is late and delayed in returning to their school (which appears to be happening on a frequent basis), the bus is late getting to us. We cannot extend our times at the leisure center and consequently our children are missing out. We have addressed this with the Council's Swimming Team and will continue to monitor this and are prepared to put in a formal complaint should we need to. With regards to walking, sadly staffing any walk down would not be possible due to the limited number of staff that we have available at that time to accompany the classes to the leisure center.</i></p>	

Wrens – No representative from Wrens is currently in the forum. Interested? Please contact the school office!

Falcons –

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<p>The parents wanted to thank Miss Taylor for parents evening. She is obviously doing a really good job.</p> <p>The Class Assembly was great and really enjoyable!</p> <p><i>REPLY: Many thanks, the whole class worked really hard!</i></p>	<p>The children are coming home and saying that there is not enough dessert for the class that goes last</p> <p><i>REPLY: There is always enough food and the kitchen staff are very skilled at catering for nearly 300 children on a daily basis. Sadly, the days where there is more left than not are fruit days where children are not eating fruit- but</i></p>

	<p><i>we have not had a service where something was not available to the children.</i></p> <p>The event at Leeds Town Hall with Mrs Holland was really good and a great experience!</p> <p><i>REPLY: We're pleased it was a good event! Well done everyone!</i></p> <p>There was some confusion around the rehearsal of the Yr 5/6 Christmas concert – could parents attend this?</p> <p><i>REPLY: Due to the yr 5 6 performance taking place after school hours in church, the dress rehearsals are not open to parents.</i></p> <p>The PTA Christmas Fair and events were really good!</p> <p><i>REPLY: We are so grateful to the PTA and all of the time and effort they have put in to the bake offs, grotto, gift wrapping and Christmas Fair!</i></p>
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Puffins –

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<p>We loved the Christmas concert at St Oswalds – the poems and songs were fantastic!</p> <p><i>REPLY: It was a really great night and it always feels like a great start to Christmas! Well done to all of the children for doing a great job!</i></p>	

Kingfishers

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	<p>In relation to Norovirus that is going around, are the tokens given out at lunchtime cleaned regularly?</p> <p><i>REPLY: They are cleaned regularly and we will step this up to ensure that seasonal viruses are not spread through the tokens</i></p> <p>It seems unfair that some classrooms are decorated for Christmas when others are not?</p> <p><i>REPLY: The classrooms are the responsibility of each teacher and they have had a lot to get through this term. There is not a school policy for the decoration of the classroom at Christmas but we know some classrooms are decorated and others are not.</i></p>

Doves –

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<p>Thank you so much for the Carol Service, it was very special</p> <p><i>REPLY: Thank you</i></p> <p>There are some concerns around the children being used to deliver leaflets around the local area and parents not being aware they would be out of school.</p> <p><i>REPLY: Consent is given by each parent or carer when a child joins school, for your child to go on organised local trips and walks. This consent was designed to cover any occasion or instance. There were enough staff to manage the short walk and we ensure that communication between the groups and the school was maintained.</i></p> <p><i>If your consent has changed, please contact the school office.</i></p> <p><i>The Year 6 class were exceptionally helpful in delivering key information about the local one-way system that we ask our families and neighbours to adopt to ensure that the traffic around school flows well. They have also delivered invites to our Open Days and this encouraged a large number of people to attend. The Open Days were a great success and without the assistance of the class, this may not have been possible.</i></p> <p><i>Lastly, they have been off site on their Muddy Puddles Day and really enjoyed getting away from school and exploring the “wider” area (on Thorpe Lane!)</i></p> <p><i>We would like to offer a big thank you to the class for helping and being so brilliant in delivering these messages. Moving forward, we will inform parents in advance of anything similar to this to ensure transparency.</i></p>	

Completed	Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
X	Explore options for reproduction of photo for EYFS	M HOWORTH	Friday 10th Jan
	Speak to kitchen about desserts and last class	M HOWORTH	Friday 20th Dec
	Inform parents if class going off site	M HOWORTH	As necessary
	Monitor the bus for swimming	M HOWORTH	Ongoing
	Share an information handout about TT Rockstars	B SUTTON	February 2020
X	Speak to Year 6 Volunteer about Banana Board	R SAVAGE	Friday 20th Dec

Other Information

The next Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 11th February 2020