

WPS Parent Forum Minutes 30th Sept 2019

Member	Abbreviation	Role
Tom Walker	TW	Governor/Chair of Parent Forum
Mark Krisson	MK	Head Teacher
Catie Hodges	CH	Communications
Claire Freeman	CF	Y1 & Y3
Dan Williams	DW	Y2
Karen Arundale	KA	Y2
Kelly Boyce	KB	Y4
Jaro Pollanen	JP	Y4
Tom Taylor	TT	Y6
Claire Kember	CK	Y6
Han Coffey	HC	Y2

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24/9/18	Times Tables Rock Stars	CK highlighted the gender bias of Times Tables Rock Stars . It was also noted that it was quite sexualised.	16.1 – MK to feedback the concerns raised about the site	30/9/19 – CH confirmed that non-Maths activity on the site doesn't count towards their recorded homework time.	Ongoing
24/9/18	Subject specific definitions	CF felt that there was insufficient guidance for parents about specific terms used in parts of the curriculum, e.g. phonics, maths etc.	16.2 – CF & CH to provide MK with list of subject specific terms for which more clarity could be provided.	30/9/19 – CH is working on the maths “jargon buster” now. - Post-meeting: CF has provided examples of areas that could be explained. MK plans to ask parents, via the school reports, what points they are unclear about.	Ongoing

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28/1/19	Car parking	High volume of traffic outside of school.	<p>17.3.1 – CH to investigate if local authority could introduce yellow lines around school.</p> <p>17.3.3 TT to confirm name of SCC contact.</p>	<p>30/9/19 – The school is still awaiting a response from SCC. MK will follow up with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Action: TT to confirm name of SCC traffic contact. - New Action: CH to ask parents in news letter if they have experienced any near-misses [It was felt that real examples would help the school's requests] <p>20/5/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MK and CH have been liaising with parents - The school has explained to local residents that the school is working to resolve parking problems - MK has requested help from Council - Suffolk Highways have suggested that road markings outside school could be enforceable. - There have been entries in the news letter - CH provided the attached background info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/noidling o https://idlingaction.london o https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/jun/30/fine-motorists-idling-outside-schools-to-cut-air-pollution-say-health-watchdogs 	Ongoing
28/1/19	RSPB Wild Challenge	CH highlighted the RSPB Wild Challenge , and suggested that it might be very good for the children.	17.4 – CK to talk suggest Wild Challenge to Forest School organiser.	30/9/19 – The school will not be taking up the RSPB initiative. Instead the school is making bird nests, installing swift cams etc,	Closed

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20/5/19	Bingo	<p>Many parents had observed that bingo night was very loud.</p> <p>There were also suggestions that it was possibly inappropriate for younger KS2 children to be unaccompanied.</p>	18.1 - CH to feedback to FOWPS.	30/09/19 – CH recorded this in the school website's Parent Forum summary notes. <u>CH will mention this in planning session in March.</u>	Closed
20/5/19	Sports Day	<p>CK observed that children without parents in attendance may feel isolated during picnic time.</p> <p>It was suggested that a hub could be established for such children. Volunteering adults could support this initiative.</p>	18.2 – CH to investigate use of area for children without parents.	30/9/19 - CH reported that they had done this with the school council's help. Closed.	Closed

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30/9/19	Sports kit for break times.	<p>CK had observed that Y6 girls did not appear to very physically active at break times. She wondered if there was any appropriate sports kit that might encourage more activity.</p> <p>CH reported that the school already has some vouchers that could be exchanged for kit, and that this matter had already been raised at the school council.</p> <p>Dennis Tattoo is also working with Learning Ambassadors / "Playmakers" to lead games.</p>	19.1 MK to provide update on new sports kit.		New
30/9/19	Attracting prospective parents to school	CK wondered if the school could attract more parents to the school through distribution of flyers to local nurseries.	19.2 - CH to design flyers for nurseries.		New
30/9/19	Tree planting	CK noted that the Woodland Trust, are giving free saplings to schools, ready for planning in March.	19.3 CK to forward Woodland Trust scheme info to MK for consideration.		New

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30/9/19	Derbyshire trip	<p>CK, TT and TW all thanked MK for the recent trip to Derbyshire, with their children all having a fantastic time.</p> <p>MK is also working with Miss Stokes to see if there are any learning points that could be applied to African Adventure.</p> <p>The school is considering a trip to Clip and Climb.</p>	n/a		
30/9/19	Terracycle	KB talked about https://www.terracycle.com , a company that recycles typically hard to recycle waste.	19.4 - CH to investigate if this with the ECO council.		New
30/9/19	Grey uniform	TT raised the idea of WPS introducing grey shirts into school uniform, as this could help reduce the environmental impact of washing.	19.5 - TT to find example of school that has changed uniforms to darker colours.		New
30/9/19	New Parent Forum members		19.6 – CH to ask F2 parents to consider joining Parent Forum.		New

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th January 2020 at 18:00