

Parent Forum: Meeting Minutes

Date: 13.10.23

Present: Kathryn Catherwood

Parent Forum Representatives:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		Lauren Prynne	
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lauren Prynne Sam Revell	Lauren Prynne		Sam Revell

<i>Focus</i>	<i>Comments</i>
The purpose of these meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KC explained that this is an open forum to discuss new initiatives. It is a constructive tool to support with communication, any parent may join, and issues raised must be general issues.
Thrive Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are a Thrive school and support our children using this programme within school groups, 1-1 and as part of whole class teaching. The link below will provide further information. https://www.thriveapproach.com/about-thrive/about-us
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The newsletter is sent home each week – we are working to streamline this and reduce the amount of information included. Photographs of children and their learning is now share via our Facebook page. Calendar dates are now shared through the calendar section of the school website. <p><i>SR suggested that we have a community newsletter every half term – any new information between this point can be added to Facebook.</i></p>
Sharing your child's progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact made for parents at the start of the academic year, both parents had received these calls. Parents meetings in January Reports are sent in April (End of Spring Term 2) <p><i>LP discussed that it would be useful to have parent's meeting in November to discuss settling in and how parents can support their children.</i></p> <p><i>SR suggested looking at sending information related to calls out to parents so they can identify which time slot would be best so that the calls have been planned around this.</i></p> <p><i>SR/LP felt that it would be useful to have more opportunities to have this contact with parents. Could this be an opt in/opt out form which parents could indicate if they want to have the meeting and a convenient time within the date for this to happen?</i></p>

Raising Concerns	Class teacher, team leader, senior member of staff
National Tutoring	<p>Provision for children currently in Year 6 before and after school – additional support to ensure children are secure with concerns taught and any gaps from missed learning in previous years.</p> <p>If your child has been invited to tutoring, but you need support to access this, please speak to Mrs Powney or Mrs Gleed.</p>
PTFA	<p>Parent support is needed for the PTFA to continue. There are currently only 2 parents on the PTFA alongside member of school staff. If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please email westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk</p> <p>Without parent support for this, we will not be able to provide opportunities for our children such as discos, Christmas and Summer Fayre, Year 6 Leavers' Disco. Your support would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Next PTFA meeting is on Monday 16th October at 9:15am. Please arrive through the school office for this meeting.</p>
First Aid Notes	<p>First Aid notes are now being sent home via Behaviour Watch and handwritten notes are still being provided.</p> <p><i>LP asked if there could be more information included in the letters being sent home from Behaviour Watch.</i></p>
AOB	<p>After school clubs – More information will be shared following the consultation with parents to confirm extra-curricular activities for after half term and provide information for parents to book this.</p> <p>Nethercott Farm Meeting – <i>KC will meet with parents of children who are going to Nethercott Farm on 7th November at 2:45pm.</i></p> <p>Hoodies for Year 6 – Please can you speak to SR if you would like to organise the Year 6 Leavers' hoodies for the end of the academic year.</p>

Next Meeting: 28th November at 2pm