

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

<p>Team: Parent Forum Date: 22.5.25 Chair: Amy Hyde Minutes written by: Amy Hyde</p>	<p>Present: Fiona Brooks (year 4) and Tanya Topham (year 1) Apologies: Cath Bainbridge, Laura Letford (year 5) and Emma Reed (Reception and year 2)</p>	
<p>AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception • Year 1 • Year 2 • Year 5 • Year 4 • AOB 		<p>Actions</p>
<p>Reception</p>	<p>Concerns raised about the about the amount of fundraising and paying events run by PTA and school. Concerns around school language use of ‘minimum contribution’ when all contributions are voluntary.</p> <p>We discussed how school likes to offer a range of opportunities for children to take part in events and there is never an expectation for parents to pay for everything that we offer. For example: sports clubs, rock steady, author events or the art exhibition. We try to cater to the interests and talents of all of the children and give them their moment to shine.</p> <p>In regards to the PTA, they are running fewer events this academic year with nothing at Easter and no Frozen Fridays. We invite parents who want to have an input into the events calendar to attend a PTA meeting and share their thoughts. All parents are welcome to attend any meetings without the need to join the committee or attend all meetings.</p> <p>We will ensure that the wording for all voluntary contributions are the same moving forwards.</p>	<p>AH to speak with staff about wording in MMe messages to ensure consistency.</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>A parent has asked about library visits – how often do these happen?</p> <p>They are timetabled to go to the library every week but the class requires two adults to do so, so when we have staff shortages or events, this sometimes does not happen.</p> <p>Do the children have aprons for Art? Concerns around uniform getting covered in paint.</p> <p>Yes, the children in all classes have aprons for any messy work, like Art or Design and Technology. Mrs Payne and Mrs Vickery-Cox shared that the children are all asked to take off their jumpers and then put on their aprons, however, sometimes the</p>	

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	<p>children don't follow instructions and take off their aprons early (when tidying up for example). School uses resources that should come off in the wash for our younger children and it is only when the children get older they use trickier paints to wash out like acrylic.</p> <p>There was discussion that perhaps teachers could warn parents that messy lessons were coming up so that parents can choose their older uniform to wear.</p> <p>Is it possible that the school can run a secondhand uniform sale again, so that the cost of buying logo'd uniform isn't quite so pricey?</p> <p>Yes, we can run these during parents' evenings but we have found them not to be very well received. School could run one during the summer fete this year – would parents be interested in this? Please let your reps know.</p>	<p>AH to speak with staff about this.</p> <p>Reps to ask parents if there is interest for this.</p>
Year 2	<p>Can you ask about extra-curricular stuff please in terms of trips?</p> <p>Our rota for trips is nearly set up to repeat now that we have settled into our new history and geography curriculums. Since the meeting, letters should have gone out for our end of term trips in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>Hi, please could you pass on for the parent forum that gardening club was great and I'd like to say thank you to the volunteer who ran it and to the school for facilitating it. We'd love to see it continue and/or return next year if possible. Thanks so much</p> <p>We are so incredibly grateful to our lovely volunteer Mrs Holmes for her time and effort with the gardening club. Thank you for sharing your feedback – I have already shared it with her directly. Remember, should anyone else like to run a club, we would love to have you!</p>	
Year 4	<p>Question about the cultural experience trips run by Sandy Secondary.</p> <p>Sandy Secondary is in charge of organising and running these trips with funding that they acquired and Maple Tree were just invited to attend. Should you wish to know more about any upcoming trips, I would ask that you contact them for more information.</p> <p>Reports of boys telling the girls that they can't play football or tennis at lunch times 'because they are girls'.</p> <p>This does not reflect the school's values and is not accepted. We work hard to educate the children about gender</p>	

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	<p>stereotypes and want to reinforce this during their free time. We are proud to have a number of female staff who are active sportspeople to set a positive example for the children. School will speak with the lunchtime supervisors and teachers to ensure that this is communicated again to the children. As parents, please encourage your child to speak up to a member of staff if this happens so that we can address it at the time. We do not want this to become 'the norm' for our children.</p>	<p>AH to speak with relevant staff.</p>
<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th July 2025 - 2:30pm • 		