

Parents Representative Meeting

Date: 22.09.15
Present: ES, KH, AH, CM, KK, KP, FE, NW, SM, DS, RS, JO'L
Apologies: NF, KH, CK, KW & Mrs Chapman

New parent reps Rebecca Sharpe, Kathy King, Keeley Harris, Caroline Kelly, Kate Clarke and Caroline Kelly were welcomed.

1. Year R: KS1 football club

To confirm Yr. R will not stay to football club until after the first term until they have fully settled as parents are not able to attend clubs with their children.

Action: School

2. Teams

Parents were concerned about Year R children being in different teams from their siblings and the difficulties this would present at Sports Day. It was requested that they change colours to their siblings when they went into Year 1

Action: SW

3. Support Year 1

It was confirmed that an additional TA is working in Year 1 to meet their specific needs.

Action: School

4. Year 2 homework

Concerns that parents were not getting homework because they weren't checking the website. Hard copies can be provided for parents without access to website. Suggested children could write in planners to remind parents to check website.

AH to compile a list of parent rep email addresses. She will email them any important information to be passed along via the texting service set up in each class. KH to try and fill in the gaps for parents who have not yet responded to this service.

Action: AH

5. Year 3 page on website

Positive comments on how organised the website was at the beginning of term. Creative homework to be alternated weekly with Maths and English, giving a mix of both.

After school clubs

The possibility of having somewhere for parents to wait while their children were at after school clubs was requested. This will not be possible for safeguarding reasons. Claire Mitchell said she was prepared to help out by taking the one child that this involves, home to the Grandparents.

Action: CM

6. Year 4 Uniform

Parents love the new uniform, lots of positive comments. Great appreciation was voiced about the effort and time Keeley Harris (PTA) spent ordering and organising uniform sales during the holidays at her home so the children were ready for September.

Request made for all uniform to be named clearly with suitable laundry markers so the name remains on the clothing after washing.

Only one concern if the school coat could have a reflective strip across the back with the dark winter nights approaching? Enquiries to be made with Tesco.

Action: AH

A request was passed from SW to enquire was organising a picture in the paper? DS will make enquiries and get back to her.

KK suggested a Guy for bonfire night of old uniform and will bring it to the attention of Mrs Weeks and Mrs Harris.

Lunchtimes

Sitting in team colours not popular. Staff informed meeting it's to promote good behaviour with team point rewards. Mixture of ages in team which helps with integration and learn from example of good manners from older pupils.

7. Year 5 new pupil?

Enquires made regarding new pupil who was due to joined in Sept. AH informed meeting she has now moved to Ashford.

8. Year 6 Photos

Confirmation requested of date individual school photo. AH confirmed 19.11.15 (already on website)

Kent Test (11+) results?

Confirmed 14.10.15

Open day Highworth Grammar School

Confirmed 23.09.15 9:00 -10:30

Homewood School

Confirmed 23.09.15 16:00 – 20:00

(Open evening)

Secondary Application Form (SCAF) AH confirmed all paper copies to be back to the school office by 16.10.15 to be sent registered mail.

Action: AH

On-line application must be completed by 02.11.15

9. Open morning new intake 2016

Open Day for new intake 2016? AH confirmed it was in the process of being arranged and would notify all concerned when agreed. Reps informed of possibility of being present to assist with tea & coffee and promote our school. SW to confirm

Action: SW & AH

Asked if reps can make approaches to pre-schools in area to market ourselves especially with Montessori? Possibility of parent reps to offer a talk to pre-school parents at the end of the day. SW to confirm.

Action: SW

10. Online survey

Requested parents share their thoughts by completing an online survey on the website.

11. Macmillan cake sale 25.09.15

Requested reps text regarding donations required for cake sale, all agreed

Action: Parent reps

12. Children in need 13.11.15

Requested school participate, agreed it will be chased and informed when arrangements confirmed.

Action: KH

13. Ofsted

Reps asked if we had any news on Ofsted? Informed they will come when they are ready. DS offered to ring and chase, offer declined.

14. Flora lids

50 lids will buy a tablet so please save as many as possible.

15. ICT

All PTA money raised between now and Christmas going towards ICT

16. PTA Newsletter

Will be sent out with future events i.e. tuck shop, tombola, chocolate, marshmallows, hot dogs & doughnuts

Action: PTA

17. Christmas

Scaled down this year, all out for huge top prize for raffle (overnight stay), photo booth, Father Christmas & his elves.

Action: PTA

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 2pm.

Meeting ended: 15:00