



Dormansland Primary School Parent Forum



Date of meeting: Tuesday 7th December 2021

Time: 2.00-3.00pm

Present: Sarah Stokes (HT) Grace Smith (Y2)
April Windsor (YR) Lisa Herpe (Y3/5)
Claire Latimer (YR)

Year group		Discussion points	Who	Agreed actions
All	1	Welcome		
	2	<p>Actions from previous minutes: 12.10.21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR emails hopefully now resolved Mme use to me clarified in December 2021 newsletter PTA and school events booklet circulated, including summary of email communication systems Handwriting letter sent to parents Mind breaks information explored by SS – to be shared with staff January 2022 Y4 playtime investigation and support ongoing New clubs list to be sent out for spring term Daily warm-up routines to be explained to parents No joy with school patrol crossing – SS now written to CEO of Tandridge District Council, requesting a meeting 	<p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>	<p>December newsletter</p> <p>New events booklet for spring term 2022</p> <p>Staff to look at Mindbreaks website</p> <p>New clubs list</p> <p>January newsletter 2022</p>
SS	3	<p>Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and the implications of this report for Dormansland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools, published on June 10th 2021, thousands of school children reported to inspectors that sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are such a routine part of their daily lives that they don't see any point in challenging or reporting it. Girls suffer disproportionately, although boys also reported issues of these behaviours becoming normalised among their peers. As a result of this review, all schools nationally have been tasked with ensuring that we are challenging any examples where we know that children are normalising behaviours, either through actions or the language used. Primary schools have an important part to play in changing children's understanding of what is and isn't acceptable. At Dormansland, we have started this work already this term, through an extensive review of our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and through a range of pupil voice interviews with children, enabling them to describe their feelings of safety in school and how they feel things could and should be different. Parents will play a part in this work, and we hope that you will support us by attending planned workshops and information evenings, where we will look at the findings in more detail and discuss with you ways in which you can talk with your children about these subjects at home. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
All	4	<p>Parent items raised through class representatives</p> <p>Year R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could more pictures go on to the class page? 	SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak to Miss A re pictures

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One other parent's email not working Someone was left off the nativity programme! 	CL SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email office Redo programme and send to parent
		Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions received 		
		Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for recording the nativity play and for another show later in the year Children in Need etc – why does the school not celebrate these? <i>We do always celebrate some of them, but not all as we are conscious of not wanting to constantly be asking parents for money. This year, Children in Need coincided with Friendship Day, and we didn't want the children's favourite outfits to come home covered in glitter. SS agreed that she could communicate this directly to parents.</i> Facemasks – some parents are still not wearing them. <i>The school can only advise and recommend heavily, but until the government make them compulsory, we must rely on appealing to people's good will. SS will continue to send out reminders.</i> Worth staggering drop off and pick ups again? Possibly – we can certainly look into this, although it is quite disruptive to the children's learning. Relook at Topaz collection point? Scooters – send out something to remind children to be careful 	SS SS SLT SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let parents know rationale behind decision not to celebrate national fundraiser days, when we choose not to for specific reasons Face covering reminders to parents on a regular basis Consider staggering start/end times and Topaz collection point. Send reminder re scooter safety on pathways leading to school entrance.
		Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would be interested to hear an update on the progression of developing the school kitchen so that meals don't have to be brought in each day. The school were looking at this pre-Covid: <i>The school continues to lobby the local authority for funding necessary to improve the on site catering facilities. We now have the backing of our local Tandridge District Councillor, Sir Nicholas White, who is campaigning on our behalf.</i> 		•
		Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions received 		•
		Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy plans – <i>These were paused in SS' absence and with the introduction of a temporary governing body. During the summer term, SS worked with one of the governors to put together a comprehensive document, outlining Dormansland's academy narrative to date, the potential benefits of academisation and what the current options could be, once we are ready to bring this back on the agenda for consideration.</i> 	SS SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of new Governing Body during the spring term via newsletter, separate communication, etc. Academy information to be circulated to parents summer/autumn 2022
		Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions received 		•
All	5	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to all the teachers for keeping the spirit of Christmas very much alive for the children every day! 		

The meeting closed at 2.40pm

Agreed date and time for next meeting: TBC via a 'Doodle' to class reps. It was agreed that these would be a combination of morning, afternoon and evening times across the school year.

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