

Knutsford Primary Academy
Parent Forum – 09.12.2022 – Minutes

Date:	09.12.2022
Held at:	Via Microsoft Teams
Present:	Eileen Anderson – Principal Kelly Harding – Deputy Principal Laura Gonsalves – Y6 Cedar/ Chair Gabby Riccitelli – Reception Maple Rakesh Patel – Reception Plane Emily Williamson – Y1 Rowan Hannah Clarke – Y2 Ash Matthew Hunt – Y3 Pine Vikki Collar – Y3 Willow Reena Pitney – Y4 Lime Trisha Kalia – Y5 Beech Emily Brewer – Y5 Elm Lisa Corbridge – Y1 Hazel
Apologies:	Lindsey Figarol – Y2 Oak Jessica Stevens – Y4 Birch

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	Apologies As stated above.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting & matters arising from minutes Contacting class teachers via email – EA to add to add best method to newsletter Paying for school dinners – Upon checking, Arbor is unable to notify when money needs topping up.	EA N/A
3	Black History Month Parent raised a concern that Black History Month activities were not as prominent as hoped. EA stated that curriculum guidance and activities are ongoing throughout the school year, not just during particular months. This point will be discussed when the inclusion and diversity policy is next reviewed.	EA

4	<p>Shade in the playground for hot summers</p> <p>KS1 parents were looking for clarification on the school's plans to keep children cool in the playground following the extreme weather this summer.</p> <p>EA advised that the playground offers shade via the bench parasols, and other solutions have been considered, but have not been deemed viable (such as sun sails which would obstruct PE). Specifically, in the KS1 playground, EA explained that building itself also cast shadows providing shade to children. Additionally, children are encouraged to stay cool by reading and completing activities on the outdoor cushions which are laid out.</p>	
5	<p>Lighting in the playground to assist late pick ups</p> <p>Parents raised concerns about the lack of lighting in the playground when picking up children in the evenings from Knutz Club.</p> <p>EA explained that there is no funding for this currently, but will speak to Lesley from Knutz Club.</p>	EA
6.	<p>Outside PE on cold days</p> <p>Parent would like guidance on PE structure during extreme/ cold weather.</p> <p>EA advised that all students should be suitably dressed in the required school uniform for PE (including tracksuit) and advised parents to check that all students have their full PE kit in school at all times.</p> <p>Outdoor PE is only cancelled if there is rain, ice or snow. The aim of a PE lesson is to get the children active and moving, which in turn leads to them warming up quickly once lessons have commenced.</p>	
7.	<p>Consistency of Drop-off/ pick up timings</p> <p>Parent raised a concern that some teachers are delayed in releasing the children on time at the end of the school day especially when parents have multiple playground pick-ups.</p> <p>EA recommended parents to discuss this directly with her if specific teachers had recurring lateness, as she was not aware of this occurring. For multiple playground pickups, this cannot be avoided, and parents deal with this themselves (usually with the older child waiting).</p>	

8.	<p>PTA Fundraising</p> <p>Parent raised a concern that the PTA fundraising, messaging and in particular months is quite a lot.</p> <p>EA responded with much gratitude towards the PTA who have supplemented the very limited funding the school has made a real difference for the children. RP stated that although it seems like a lot, you can't please everybody, especially with the limited PTA volunteers - Some like constant reminders and others find them to be too much. During the run up to the Christmas Fayre there were many PTA fundraisers happening at the same time and the PTA appreciated the parent reps forwarding reminders. Ultimately thousands of pounds were raised over this period of time, and the PTA don't have the resources to evenly spread events/communication as the parent volunteers are working themselves.</p>	
9.	<p>School Reviews</p> <p>EA would like to highlight the positive results from the external consultant who was employed to check that judgements on how the school is doing is accurate. With glowing reviews focussed on writing and safeguarding, EA would like reps to flag the good news and spread the word. The overview of these findings can be found within past newsletters</p>	All reps
10.	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Non uniform day: Friday 16th December PTA meeting: Monday 16th January (via zoom)</p>	All reps
11.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Friday 3rd Feb at 9:30am (via teams) Agenda items by Friday 20th Jan</p>	All Reps