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## Meeting Date: 19th May 2023

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Many thanks for all those who attended the Parent Council meeting on Friday 19 May 2023. Apologies to all those who were unable to access the meeting online. I would once again like to thank all the year reps for their help in collating agenda items, and to everyone who has spent time communicating with the PC.

### Headteacher Update

#### Key dates

- Class Photographs: 9th June
- Sports Day: 15th June/ EYFS - 10th July
- Nursery Open Days: 17th June/15th July
- Gruffalo's Picnic: 6th July
- Nursery Graduation: 10th July (am)
- Reports: 14th July
- Summer Fair: 15th July
- Moving Up Day: 18th July
- Year 6:
  - Show: 14th July
  - Graduation: 19th July
  - Special lunch: 20th July
- September Insets: 4th & 5th

#### Shacklewell Learning Priorities

Shacklewell continues to focus on reading for pleasure and its importance for all learners. Its is also committed to developing the approach to curriculum in order to deepen the connections between subjects. The school is also promoting the need for high quality written outcomes in the children's books and presentation.

#### Communication

The office will investigate if key dates can be added to my child at school app. There has been a good uptake with families using the app, but another push is needed to encourage more to use it. Overall, there is good feedback about the app. However, the school will never be paper free as some families are not online and need to be kept informed.

#### Breakfast club

Tables will now be arranged by year group activities which will rotate during the week, and year 6 are being encouraged to take on a welcoming role for younger pupils to make it more inviting.

#### iPads

Using ipads is not a new venture in the school. No child will be penalised for not taking one home, and the school respects those families who want to reduce screen time. Looking after the iPads gives the children responsibility which is also a good lesson to learn before secondary school. The homework set on the iPads will be curriculum-based tasks - but there is no obligation to complete these, they're used just as an enhancement. From next year all years 3-6 will have access to iPads for their maker mats, spelling and timetables.

## **Reading Journals - Years 3-5**

Are there to help children form opinions about what they are reading. It is also a tool for the school to know which children might need additional help with their reading at home, so those families can be supported.

## **Reimbursements -**

Credit for strike day after school and breakfast club is on its way.

## **Chair Update:**

### **Road Safety**

The mobile CCTV camera on Shacklewell Row is reducing school street contraventions - this is soon to become permanent. TFL have committed to changing the traffic light sequencing at Palatine Road crossing as they have identified that vehicles and cyclists behave very badly at this crossing. Families living close to the crossing at Barretts Grove will continue their campaign with the police to improve cyclist behaviour at this crossing.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Lunch**

The lunch menu can be found on the school website and there is a QR code to scan for food allergy information. A reminder that no shellfish, nutella, nuts, humous, sesame seeds should be brought into the school. The staff are all aware of the children who have allergies and medical care plans (where needed) are in place; children are reminded that they are not allowed to share food with each other. Portion size - school is trying to find a balance between waste and being full. The salad bar is available to all pupils in years 3-6 and they are encouraged to help themselves. For all younger years the staff serve the children. Seasoning was discussed and it was suggested that there is always a non-spicy/non overly seasoned option. From September every child in the school will have free school meals - there will be no reduction in the quality of food due to the increased expense. A reminder that no flavoured water or iced water should be brought to school, water fountains are available, and water is on all tables at lunch time

### **Facilities**

All toilets are being checked throughout the day for cleanliness and toilet rolls and soap are being replenished more frequently.

### **Uniform**

Creates a communal shared equal identity. Sun hats can be worn in the hotter weather however sunscreen can contain allergens which is why school doesn't encourage reapplication throughout the day.

### **Assessment**

School very happy with how KS2 responded to this year's SATs. KS1 particularly enjoyed the squash and biscuits after their SATs. Year 4 will have a multiplication check w/b 5 June which involves answering 25 questions on an iPad- very similar to Times Table Rockstars. 12 June phonics screening for Year 1.

### **Behaviour**

School has picked up some behaviour issues. They are dealing with these minor issues so they don't develop into bigger ones eg. corridors are now quiet spaces. Teachers are trained to address specific class issues they have including reflecting together if behaviour does not meet the standards expected. Shacklewell continues to have high expectations for all children and is working to reestablish some of those expectations in key year groups.

### **After School Provision**

Positive feedback from families using EYFS ourspace, some teething problems with payments though My child, but the office have been very helpful sorting these out. Many families and children are happy with the after-school clubs, some families are still concerned about enrichment versus childcare. Bev Dickinson

is very happy to discuss constructive ideas about the clubs. Costs are frozen, for all families to access the after school clubs. The art teacher Becky will be moved between year groups.

### **AOB**

Thomas Fairchild – if anyone wishes to discuss Thomas Fairchild joining the federation and/or the logistics of this, please attend the meeting –at 6.00pm on Thursday 25th May at Shacklewell. You can also speak to Gareth the Parent Governor via the school office.

It has been mentioned again to get dates further in advance. This could change when the dates are added to My Child at school, next term. This includes summer events and celebrations.