



Meeting Date: Friday 2nd February 2024

Agenda

1. Headteacher update:

Year 6

Lunch has successfully been split up into groups.

Children coming back to learning ready to learn and behaviour in the afternoon has improved.

Break time options will be changed every half term and netball will be included as an option.

Much more adult supervision is proving successful and new initiatives will run to the end of year.

Mid-morning snack provision discussed, challenging to roll out and would need to be offered to all of KS2. School is going to review costs. Suggested kids packing snacks and being given 10 mins to eat - this will be discussed within the senior management team.

Very positive response to changes in Year 6 so far. Thank you to Rory and all the staff for instigating and being proactive with solutions.

ACTION

Rory to investigate funding solutions for mid-morning snack - Co-Op, private initiatives, Too good to go, Shacklewell Families

Curriculum - website, pupils requiring stretching & reading journals

KS1 and KS2 Curriculum workshops were cancelled - but all material was emailed to families. A recent e-safety workshop was well received and parents reported positive feedback about the materials shared.

Children who require stretching are offered opportunities to deepen their understanding of subjects rather than being given more knowledge. The school does not rush these pupils through the curriculum and keeps knowledge focussed on each year group.

Some subjects' content is down to school interpretation - for example RE and so the school doesn't accelerate knowledge but attempts to deepen understanding of these children ie subject essays.

Reading journals are coming home, not on a set day pattern, it's generally ok if there are a few gaps - but it is a great tool for the school to see if any pupils need additional reading support. Parents should nudge nonfiction and poetry and try to challenge older year groups in preparation for secondary's schools.

ACTION

Send class timetables out to year groups at the start of each half term.

Sports - cricket & new team kit

Disappointingly, the Cricket team was not picked to take part in the London schools' tournament after great success last year, Shacklewell will look to instigate a federation tournament.

New team kit is coming - huge thanks to Shacklewell Families for covering the costs of the new kit.

Food

Come Dine with Me - Capacity is 10 adults - this cannot be increased as would be too challenging for the kitchen. The office will send a reminder out if the uptake is low.

Sugar in the cake offered as dessert was discussed - and although fruit is always available, it is unlikely children will pick fruit over cake. The school menu, including recipes, is designed by the federation - and Rory will talk to the headteacher group about the recipes and will find out what recipe is used for the desserts and if there can be more emphasis on nutrition rather than processed and cost. The Parent Council were reminded that some children rely on their school lunch as their main meal of the day.

The menu can be found on the website and the parent notice board at school.

Vegan and Vegetarian - The kitchen staff have been working hard to make vegetarian food vegan, but the kitchen is not able to provide a full vegan menu every day and some days vegan families may need to provide packed lunch. A reminder that all meat is halal and that the kitchen is fully certified as halal.

Ourspace - concern raised about very processed food being offered at ourspace - can a more nutritionally dense food be offered?

ACTIONS

Friday vegetarian options Rory to check.

Rory to speak with senior management/federation about food at OurSpace.

New uniform shop - deliveries

Rory will investigate free delivery to school and will update the website with the new uniform provider.

2. Chair update

A10 Palatine Road crossing

After years of raising issues with TFL about the dangerous crossing at the junction of Palatine Road and the A10 ,TFL are finally proposing to upgrade the existing signal instruction to change the flashing amber signal to a solid amber light allowing pedestrians to safely cross. This won't however stop the bikes and scooters not following the highway code and wonder if we can now investigate a lolly pop person for this crossing?

MCAS drop-in session Monday 26 February 9.00am

The Parent Council will be holding a MCAS drop-in session on Monday 26th February at 09:00, with the aim to encourage more users, and to help smooth over payment issues (adding multiple items to the shopping basket etc)

We can also use this time to talk about any other parent council matters.

The office are very helpful for any immediate MCAS issues – so please always contact them with any issues.

WhatsApp groups

The year group WhatsApp groups operate independently of the school, but are hugely helpful at aiding communication between parents, carers, and the school office. WhatsApp groups are a useful and efficient way of communicating with the whole year group. The Parent Council would like to increase the number of parents/carers in each group and to make the groups as inclusive as they can which reflects the demographic of the school.

The PC wonders whether in future, when new groups are set up, if it might be useful to have some guidelines/code of conduct keeping the content to school/birthday party matters to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all families.

3. AOB

Rory McGrath shared the exciting new plans to refresh the display in the main reception with a photo installation which highlights all parts of our community - A Place for Everyone. He encourages families to share photos of special celebrations or events which can be used in the display. The whole school project will be inspired by teacher training from Lemn Sissay.

Rory McGrath to investigate concerns raised about KS1 toilets – children have complained about general unpleasantness – doors not locking, lack of hand soap and no toilet rolls

We encourage families to report any litter, dog poo, general rubbish on the walk to and from school to Hackney Council via the report a problem App

Next Meeting - 22nd March 2024