

Parents Forum 24.01.20		
Attendees: JM, AF,GG (school) EM, LC, AB, DM, DH, DH (parents) Apologies: KB, OD, ND		Action
Welcome and discussion of last meeting's minutes	- Reviewed last meeting actions - LW will put a note next to clubs on the website so people know what they are.	
PTFA	- Everyone happy to go ahead. - Initial meeting likely to be in first few weeks of Term 4.	
Parent Consultation Evening changes and opinions	- Discussion around how best for parents to see children's books. - Suggestion for 'come and see' for books. Concern was raised about working parents and it was suggested that for those parents that can't attend, their children's books would then be taken to parents evening. - This new arrangement will be trialled for the session in March and feedback sought afterwards - It was queried whether the turn out for parents evening has improved since the change to starting at 1.30pm.	- CW to look at data for PTC turnout. - Parents to provide feedback at the next meeting after the event
Well being	- AF explained the award, the self-assessment/traffic light coding and her proposed visit to a school in Bexley - The benefits of achieving the award were discussed – better retention of teachers, improved mental health of children and therefore better outcomes for children and families	- AF to feedback at next meeting about her school visit and with further information about the school's action plan in this area - All teachers reminded/encouraged to share more positive things that could be posted on Facebook

	• A vision/introductory statement was suggested to be added to it to outline its importance and possibly prominence on school website and Facebook page – there will soon be a Wellbeing area on the website • Weekly well being assemblies were discussed • Zones of regulation emotion chart is being trialled in one KS2 class currently and soon to be rolled out across school. It will also be available on school website • Positive raised of how the area furthest ahead with towards the award is for pupils • All key players have been given opportunity to share views • Staff area is one with most red and it was suggested that staff need to be champions for wellbeing – this was assessed in September, discussions are currently happening about what is manageable • Facebook has been one route to share things with parents – parents say there is a positive buzz on the playground when things are put up and it is welcomed as a way of breaking down barriers between teachers and parents • Thanet One You in on 05/02/20, Mind (6 ways to wellbeing) on the Monday and possibility of a yoga session – parents were asked if they would attend things like this – no parents present would but did think some might. It was suggested that these sorts of things could be promoted when parents in for another reason e.g. assembly, SPAG workshop or making it a Facebook event so people could click to	• AF and PSAs to consider some of the suggestions about promotion of their roles and current well being provision for families
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	indicate if interested or plan to attend and also promotion on playground e.g. big board at end of day or leaflets • Discussion around who the planned events are aimed at and if people have to self-identify they have an issue or a need to attend the events and that a personal invite might work better in this case • Progress with coffee meeting queried – discussions have happened around best location and aiming to start next term in conservatory of house – has been tidied, hoping to purchase a buggy park and open up garden in good weather • Setting up a generic email address for Parent Support Advisor as another route for parents to approach for help and using text where appropriate • Parents present were asked if they know about the PSAs and nobody did – suggestion of having a table on the playground one day to introduce selves and role • Second hand uniform discussed and how could be promoted more e.g. end of term ready for next one • Suggestion of monthly promotion on Facebook to introduce new people in roles e.g. new maths lead and key people and also different areas e.g. PSAs – possibility of linking with KS2 School Council who are currently interviewing people for their newspaper • Parents would like more events e.g. maths games – some parents still playing them at home • The front of the building entrance was discussed – the cost of replacing fences and addressing access	
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	issues are huge – new PTFA could look at this in the long term but there are other priorities e.g. books but could work creatively with parents with skills to soften the appearance e.g. woodwork or street artists • Query around allotment possibility in future – space an issue but could look into further links with The Windmill Project • Discussion about how to ask about skill base of parents and ways to involve them so they can contribute (not financially but through time) – audit could be done by PTFA and create register of people who might be able to help with projects (GDPR considerations would need to be held in mind)	
Successes since the last meeting	• Creative Voices – children have loved and enjoyed seeing peers thrive • Swimming • Parking improved a bit – wardens present more often • Children enjoying topics especially Year 1 China and Year 4 Africa	
AOB	• Congestion at home time for Reception and Year 1 was discussed but a suggested solution would not work due to the hall being used for KS2 assembly at the time that KS1 are dismissed. It is also difficult to get a double buggy down the side since fence went up.	

Next meeting: Friday 27th March 2020