



## Parent Council Minutes

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<b>Date</b>	<b>21.10.24</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>EG, MB, LG, KJ</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>AM</b>

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1. Welcome and actions since last meeting</b>	EG thanked everyone for attending and confirmed an additional member had stepped forward following recent communication sent to all families.	
<b>2. Review of Parent Council Forum</b>	<p>EG shared the intention of the Parent Council as being a forum which represents the parent/carer aspect of our school community. All agreed with this premise and we discussed examples of the value of this group over the last few years (e.g. feeding into the review of Home Learning policy, organisation of school events, themes of parent/carer workshops etc).</p> <p>Following discussion we agreed to move forward in the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents/carers are invited to volunteer to be a representative on the Parent Council</li> <li>- Representatives will have their name displayed on the website alongside a photo so that other parents/carers know who to speak to if they want to share their opinions</li> <li>- We will meet approximately 3 – 4 times a year</li> <li>- EG will set the dates for Parent Council and circulate them</li> <li>- Topics for agenda will be agreed in advance and EG will advertise theme for each session so if additional parents would like to 'drop in' to contribute to specific meetings, they are welcome to do so</li> <li>- Meetings will generally be held on a Monday afternoon</li> <li>- All members of the Council understand that their role is to offer feedback and viewpoints with the aim of representing the parent body. Final decisions will remain with the Headteacher and Local Governing Body. Individual queries can be raised with EG following the appropriate channels.</li> </ul>	EG to update website with photos sent in by representatives and ensure communication about meeting dates and themes
<b>3. Feedback from community engagements opportunities this term</b>	<p>EG shared that this first half term, parents/carers have been invited to attend whole school Harvest Service, Class Information Sessions and a number of workshops (physical development in Reception, phonics, reading, maths).</p> <p>The Council gave positive feedback regarding these opportunities and found curriculum focused sessions informative and useful. Communication regarding these dates from the school was also good and having them</p>	



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	<p>shared on weekly newsletter is also appreciated by parents/carers.</p> <p>One parent shared an idea she is going to discuss with PTFA regarding an additional informal method of communication which could be considered for the future.</p> <p>All agreed the Harvest Service provided an opportunity for all children to be involved in some form and this led to a further discussion about performance opportunities across the year. Parents asked if it might be possible for Years 1 and 2 to also perform a nativity rather than only in Reception and EG explained that a combined nativity had taken place previously but the increased audience size had been overwhelming for our youngest children.</p> <p>A parent shared that several years ago the school used to share an 'end of topic' assembly where they 'performed' elements of their learning to parents/carers. This is something EG will discuss with teachers for consideration in the future.</p> <p>Class Information Sessions were useful though parents shared they only tended to come if their child was going to a new teacher that year. It was suggested that it might be more useful for each teacher to provide an A4 summary of information for their class which is given out on the transition day in July, and then for each teacher to offer a drop in session during the first week back in Sept which is informal and just aimed at providing a chance for new families to introduce themselves or ask questions.</p>	<p>EG to speak with teachers to consider planning additional performance opportunities for children.</p> <p>EG to use transition feedback to inform planning for next academic year.</p>
<p><b>3. Themes for future Parent Council sessions</b></p>	<p>The interactive button will remain on the website so any parent/carer can raise an issue to be discussed by the Parent Council.</p> <p>Sports and Physical Movement in School (within this, it was decided aspects such as after school clubs, Sports Day organisation etc could be included)</p> <p>Extra Curricular Opportunities (we also agreed it would be good to gather some pupil voice on this subject to contribute to discussions)</p>	<p>EG to schedule dates for future meetings and share this information through newsletters and the website</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>		

Next meeting date: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 (face to face)