



‘...encourage one another and build each other up...’

1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Working Together, Playing Together, Serving God and Serving Others”

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT COUNCIL OF DAVENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD ON 7 November 2023

1. APOLOGIES:

Emilie Mercer, Vikki Hind and Emma Langford

2. Attendees:

Joanne Hyslop, Kerry Parry, Vic Jolley, Becci Kettle, Emma Pozniak, Michelle Spears, Rebecca Lewis, Karla Kingston.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held to be confirmed as a correct record.

4. MINUTES and ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING

Agenda No.	Action	Responsibility
<p>1)Communication</p>	<p>Parents displeased with multiple Communication methods</p> <p>Mrs H explained that the different channels are for different purposes. We asked for feedback following the surveys last year and it was decided that we would put all information onto GC as this seems to be the channel that parents use most frequently.</p>	<p>Mrs H will put on Google classroom how to turn off notifications.</p> <p>Mrs H to approve text messages before they are sent out.</p> <p>Mrs H to turn of notifications to Google Classroom this is not a messaging tool, parents to contact teachers using email.</p> <p>Mrs H to ask Mr Ashworth to create a how to video for parents</p>

<p>2)Water</p>	<p>Access to water was discussed - All children have access to water during the school day. Water bottles are taken around the school and at playtime in bottle carriers.</p>	<p>It was stated that individual cases need to contact class teachers directly to discuss.</p>
<p>3)Clubs</p>	<p>All children have access to water at all times.</p> <p>Parents disappointment towards competition that was cancelled in half term.</p> <p>Mrs H highlighted that these competitions are organised externally by Vale Royal Sports partnership and it is out of schools control if they are cancelled</p> <p>It was said that children are enjoying football and coding club.</p>	<p>. No action</p> <p>No action</p>

<p>4)Neurodiversity</p>	<p>Can School celebrate Neurodiversity, to raise awareness and help peers to understand. Praise given to year 6 Teacher.</p>	<p>Mrs H agreed to add neurodiversity to be celebrated in the school year. Mrs H to speak to Mrs Ollier</p>
<p>5)Attendance Letters</p>	<p>Parents receiving attendance letters for sickness absence.</p> <p>Mrs H highlighted it is a national directive to send letters. Schools has a legal duty, big focus on attendance nationally. School recognises that when children are poorly they should not be in school and the wording of the letter reflects this.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>6)Raffle Prizes</p>	<p>Ill timed Text message from FODS asking for raffle prizes.</p>	<p>Mrs H to review text messages from FODS</p>
<p>7)Family Service timings/feedback</p>	<p>Can date and time be changed?</p> <p>Mrs H stated historically it has been done on this day. Seen as an end of week celebration. Dates are released in enough time to plan. They are class led not year group.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>8)Christmas Panto</p>	<p>Dissatisfaction towards not going to the Grange this year.</p> <p>Mrs H discussed that cost has been the driving factor in this decision. Usually runs at a significant loss. Very costly for transportation. FODS will support paying for company in school so all children benefit.</p>	<p>This will be tried for this year and is open to possibly doing it alternate years</p>
<p>9)Year 1/3 Homework Schedule /book changes</p>	<p>Amount of homework for Year 1 and year 3 was discussed.</p> <p>Year 1 Maths homework is optional.</p>	<p>Mrs H to ensure alternate weeks for English and Maths homework in year 3 is consistent.</p>

<p>10)Reception “when I grow up” week</p>	<p>Excellent feedback from this. Children enjoyed lots of visitors and got a lot from this.</p>	<p>Mrs H to pass onto class teachers</p>
<p>11) Phonics</p>	<p>High praise regarding Phonics, Already differentiated in a short space of time.</p>	
<p>12)Reception feedback</p>	<p>Appreciation given to Reception teachers to help settle children back to school and for those struggling.</p>	
<p>13)Rucksacks</p>	<p>Can Year 5 bring rucksacks to school? Mrs H declared that from September KS2 can have a rucksack if they wish. These are now easier to store in lockers. KS1 must continue to only bring a bookbag. Rucksacks MUST be plain black, navy or the school branded only. No designer bags please</p>	<p>Note in July to remind Ks2</p>
<p>14)Sports tournaments</p>	<p>Do children have a sufficient amount of time to learn the sports for the extra sports tournaments? Mr Roberts is now P.E lead Can pupils learn one sport per half term? P.E follows the national curriculum, pupils learn a skill and apply in within several sports.</p>	<p>Mrs H to check with sports staff to ensure there is practice time before tournaments.</p>
<p>15)Xmas Cards</p>	<p>Some children felt rushed when creating the cards, others missed out due to sickness. Mrs H assured parents that nobody had been rushed.</p>	<p>Mrs H urged parents to contact teachers directly if they have issues regarding this. Unfortunately, the deadline has already passed. It was suggested that teachers could follow up on children who missed out.</p>

<p>16) Year 5/6 play</p>	<p>Very Positive feedback towards the Christingle service which will see year5/6 lead.</p>	<p>Mrs H to follow up regarding costumes needed so parents have notice.</p>
<p>17)Stop and Drop</p>	<p>Being used incorrectly currently</p>	<p>Mrs H has already sent out a message regarding this.</p>
<p>18)Outdoor Learning</p>	<p>Very good feedback. A full afternoon with lots done during this time.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>19)Harvest Festival</p>	<p>Can the school ask for food donations instead of money.</p> <p>Mrs H highlighted that money is asked for as logistically the food cannot be carried to school, equally this enables to food banks to get the donations it requires.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>20)Twitter updates</p>	<p>Can there be more photos on Twitter. More consistency in content.</p>	<p>Mrs H to check consistency of updates between the classes.</p>
<p>21) Swimming</p>	<p>Swimming hats were purchased by parents as part of a kit list; however they were not needed for Brio swimming.</p> <p>Mrs H apologised for this, they are not needed for Brio swimming, however for the pop up pool all children will require a swimming hat.</p> <p>Can children bring trainers in each day to change in to.</p>	<p>No action</p>

<p>22)PE Feed back/ Daily stomp</p>	<p>Mrs H stated this was not possible to bring trainers in. This has been tried in the past and was not practical.</p> <p>There have been changes to PE days</p> <p>PE Days have changed due to swimming. We have maintained 2 days and gap between days.</p>	
<p>23) AOB</p>	<p>Can there be more reading books and less comic style books coming home.</p> <p>It was discussed that there is a wide range of books to choose from. The children choose books independently.</p>	<p>Contact class teachers directly with any issues / concerns</p>