



Parents' Forum - 30.09.22

All year groups represented

Idea raised/discussed	Response	Next steps?
<p>Communication</p> <p>This was the biggest area for discussion during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different platforms being used • Short notice of events • Acknowledgement of communication received • Wording on app messages comes across rather abrupt • What is happening in school? • Not being able to speak to staff at drop off/ collection time. • Reasons for trophies being awarded in Special Assembly (please see Twitter for this) 	<p>The new Home/School Partnership Handbook contains a section on communication platforms. As we have transferred over to more efficient systems, there is a period of change for communication to ensure that we are using the systems to benefit all parties.</p> <p>We provide as much notice as possible but some events are out of our control with a quick turnaround.</p> <p>sQuid has been a difficult platform to manage—we have closed our contract and will receive refunds in 90 days (we are working on reducing this amount of time) - once the refunds have been received, we will issue them onto School Money accounts.</p>	<p>Any issues with log ins should be shared with Ben Carver and these will be resolved by 14th October 2022. If we do not know there is a problem, we cannot help to resolve it.</p> <p>Mrs Barnard will acknowledge emails and pass these on to the relevant parties.</p> <p>Payment reminders will be edited to be less abrupt</p> <p>Plans are in place to host a number of events to invite parents into school—these will take place in Autumn 2 and the Spring Term. Elm parents will be invited into the setting before the end of this half term.</p> <p>We will introduce a rota of staff on the EYFS/KS1 gate in the morning.</p>
<p>Road safety</p> <p>A number of residents and parents are concerned about the parking around school during drop off and collection times, there are concerns that children will get injured because of this.</p>	<p>We are aware of this issue and it was also discussed at the Management Committee meeting of the governing body.</p>	<p>Ben Carver to recruit Road Safety Officers to promote road safety around school.</p>
<p>PE kits</p>	<p>The decision for children to come into school is based on their PE slot and utilising time with a sports coach.</p>	<p>From the Summer Term, all children will be invited into school in their PE kit on PE days.</p>

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Reading to an adult in school	Please refer to the reading documentation which was sent out last weekend (24.09.22) which outlines the reading journey at John Blow Primary School. Children are exposed to an immersive reading curriculum throughout the school day and 1:1 reading is encouraged at home to support the development of reading.	Parent workshops to be completed in Spring Term Recruitment of reading volunteers to commence in Term 2.
Wrap around care Very positive feedback from all attendees. What about payment with childcare vouchers?	The plan was always to make it a provision which the children want to attend - we are pleased to hear that this is the case. The full team will commence their employment on Monday 3rd October!	Governors to send out a survey to collect feedback from the provision to support the planning process. Parents to notify Stacy Barnard of payment using vouchers; these will be credited onto accounts. A newsletter will be published
Lunch menus Can puddings be shared on the menu options? Will refunds be issued for absences?	This is something we can do when we release the new dinner menus. We are still awaiting confirmation of when or how the menus will change for Autumn Term 2 (if at all).	We will send out a copy of the dinner menus and publish these online for information to support the ordering process. We will manually refund and credit accounts for any missed lunches due to illness.
School photos Can the proof be of a higher quality? Can electronic copies be available to purchase? Can payments be made via BACS?	These questions will be shared with Borre our school photographer.	Ben Carver to communicate with Borre.
Inset days Have these been set for the remainder of the year?	Inset days are required to be approved by the governing body; a terms' notice is required for each inset day. Dates have been approved for the Autumn Term—14th October + Wednesday 21st December.	Dates will be shared for the remainder of the year following November's governors meeting.

Date of next meeting - Friday 25th November 2022 - 9am