

The Oaktree School Link Parent Meeting January 2021

Year	Class	Link Parent		Year	Class	Link Parent		Year	Class	Link Parent	
2	Owl	Sarah McGowan (SM)	A	1	Bumblebee	Amy Noble (AN)	P	R	Hedgehogs	Hayley Armstrong (HA)	A
		Ms Hill	P								
2	Rabbit	Sarah Waterman (SW)	P	1	Ladybird	Sarah Carly (SC)		R	Robin	Susannah Clark (SC)	P
2	Fox	Clare Kirk (CK)	P	1	Woodpecker	Louisa Johnson (LJ)	P	R	Squirrel	Amy Botha (AB)	P
										Eloise Biasiucci (EB)	P
'P' indicates present, 'A' indicates apologies								N	Nursery	Despina Papadimitriou (DP)	A

Staff Present	
Headteacher	Mrs Laura Sharkey (LS)
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Juliet Larsen (JL)

AGENDA	MINUTES	ACTION
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Focus: Home Learning</p> <p>What is working well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Link Parents commented that the Phonics and story sessions were engaging their children really well as well as the topic of Julia Donaldson stories. • Google Classroom was easy to use. Displayed well on screen. • Parents were finding it easier to find work this week on Google Classroom pages as it was split into subjects under the weekly headings. • SC said that the daily introductory videos were really good for the children for them to be able to see the teacher and also give them a focus for the day • Inputs over lesson Power-Points support the learning <p>LS thanked parents for these comments and explained that we had been fine tuning Google Classroom (GC) content as the week has been progressing. The funding we had received for GC meant that we had received some training but further training was due to take place last week.</p> <p>Have made the decision to place work on GC from next week at 6pm each evening so that parents could view the night before if they needed to. Introductory video to the day uploaded by 9am each morning. Important for parents to realise that within school, learning takes longer and so 1:1 teaching may take place for the 3 hours but it is just as important to have mental and physical breaks.</p> <p>LS spoke about the ongoing conversation with the Swan Trust regarding Live Lessons. They are following advice for the Education Endowment fund as well as the Government. Currently the Trust is formulating a policy for Live lessons to take place, including the Safeguarding elements.</p>		

LS stated that she was aware that some children will be missing out on the social interaction of school and suggested that in the meantime, Link Parents could possibly consider setting up an online structured session for children in their classes if they felt that parents felt there was the need.

Even better if ...

- Some parents were struggling with the amount of work and encouraging the children to complete. LS commented on the school's understanding that everyone had different personal circumstances and they can only do what is manageable for themselves. Please contact year group email for support as we have different ways to motivate chn.

SC - Thank you from everyone for speed and ease of putting home learning up. Daily videos are helping as well as voices on teaching inputs and stories are helping children. Really grateful for all the hard work.

Other actions the school is taking -

LS talked about the telephone calls for parents to sign up to for next week. If children would like to speak to teachers at this time please put on speaker so that you can hear the conversation.

Devices – Government have only said that devices can be given to KS2 and above so Infant schools will not receive any. The Oaktree School will be purchasing 6 laptops for families from limited school funds. It was suggested emailing community to see if any spare laptops around. LJ suggested a go fund me page.

Food parcels being sent or collected by families.

Paper packs/workbooks are being provided to families so that all chn can learn if they are unable to access Google Classroom.

The school is monitoring pupil engagement with home learning.

LS acknowledged that the staff have been amazing and responded well to the changes that have needed to be made.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February at 2pm.

LS Virtual meeting link to be sent to parents.