

## The Oaktree School Link Parent Meeting March 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)	P
		Ms Hill	P								
2	Rabbit	Sarah Waterman (SW)	P	1	Ladybird	Sarah Carly (SC)	A	R	Robin	Susannah Clark (SC)	P
2	Fox	Clare Kirk (CK)	A	1	Woodpecker	Louisa Johnson (LJ)	A	R	Squirrel	Amy Botha (AB)	P
										Eloise Biasiucci (EB)	P
‘P’ indicates present, ‘A’ indicates apologies								N	Nursery	Despina Papadimitriou (DP)	P

Staff Present		
Headteacher	Mrs Laura Sharkey (LS)	P
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Juliet Larsen (JL)	A
Office	Mrs Claire Woods	P

AGENDA	MINUTES	ACTION
	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Everyone looking forward to Monday and all the children returning to school and seeing all the children and parents.</p> <p>We are aware that some children will have anxiety about returning to school. Priority is sharing with the children, re-establishing friendship, listening, collaboration. We will then assess where the children are and what their next steps are.</p> <p>Parents evening – we will be letting you know how your child has settled and reviewing their targets from the autumn term. Children will have had very varied experiences during the lockdown. Catch up is not everything it is also important to concentrate on learning behaviours so that children are ready to learn.</p> <p>School cloud – sign up has gone smoothly</p> <p>Thank you to the school office for setting it all up.</p> <p>Newsletter was issued this week. There are a number of events coming up.</p> <p>Mrs Larsen – Summer Reading Challenge – this will be starting at the beginning of the Summer Term.</p> <p>Parents Meetings – Why are they so soon after the children return? LS – These dates had already been set – we space out key school events so that staff are not overwhelmed with workload in any given week. The teachers will be concentrating on reintegration so it will be a good opportunity to discuss this over parents evening along with how your child has got on with the targets set for them by the teacher in the Autumn Term. <b>We can look at bringing the summer term parents evenings forward to earlier in the term, perhaps – there is usually</b></p>	<p>LS - Review dates and possibility of fitting this in early in the Summer Term</p>

a 'report surgery' after the annual reports are sent home, but this could be replaced, possibly?

Squirrel – Are there any thoughts for the school shortening the summer holidays? LS – Not at the moment. Talk about summer schools from the Government – where staff would be paid to work in the holidays using addition government funding - this may mainly be aimed at secondary. We have not received any guidance on this as yet.

Squirrel – When the children return how are the teachers going to approach the fact that some children are in school as some parents have told their children that the school is closed and no children have been in? LS – We will speak to teachers about how to speak about this sensitively.

Squirrel – How are the assessments going to happen? LS - We have day to day assessments and then we have more in-depth assessments which will happen in the coming weeks and will inform us of where learning gaps are to inform our planning. We will be benchmarking the children's reading. We have intervention groups in place and have received Government catch-up funding for this. Children who are identified as needing further support will be included in these groups.

Squirrel – Any news on Easter Holiday Club? – LS – we are not running our club. Government road map allows 5 weeks between each planned change – We feel it will be too soon to run this as we don't yet know what the impact of schools re-opening will be. We are hoping to do some of our teacher led clubs after school in the summer term. We will be looking at May and Summer holidays. This will be assessed at Easter.

Rabbit – Will the children keep the class groups the same when they go to Hermitage?

AP – Same question from year 1 parents

LS – Discussions will be had with Mrs Harrup and within the Trust schools.

SW – Feel the year 2 children should be kept together as they will have enough to deal with moving to a new school. It worked well moving from year 1 to year 2

AP – Bumblebee parents feel that it would be beneficial for the children to stay together.

Reception children are not mixing across the year group and its hard for the children especially new children.

AP – Bumblebees – Water bottles – parents are not happy that they need to go and buy a new one. LS – All children will be required to have a clear bottle for September.

Some opaque bottles brought in have had squash in them and we want to be transparent about what is coming in in the children's bottles and be able to see this. From a Healthy School perspective, children should be drinking water throughout the day, not squash as it's not good for their teeth.

Nursery – Are the children included in the dressing up for World Book Day? LS – yes they are.

Are parents going to be able to stay for the settling in sessions for the new Reception children. LS – we will be looking at this and will be talking through plans with the other schools in the Trust.

SW – Will the children be able to go to Hermitage for settling sessions? LS – again we don't yet know we will need to see how things go in the coming months. We will be discussing with Mrs Harrup. Things will be reviewed on a regular basis.

DP – last year Hermitage had a couple of shorter days for the new year 3 children and it seemed to work well.

? – Menu for Monday. LS – will ask the office to send out a link.

LS – inform parents of clubs for Summer Term

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LS – Whatsapp – School does not have involvement in these, however the understanding as they are used to communicate school information to benefit all. Do we need an etiquette in place? How do you as parents feel about your whatsapp group? Please reflect and we can discuss at next meeting.

If a parents wants to advertise their business on the class whatsapp group - how do we feel about this? Suggest they approaches HOPA and will then reach the whole school rather than just the class.

Thank you – appreciate your perspective.

All to reflect on this before next meeting

Next Meeting	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.	LS Virtual meeting link to be sent to parents.