

The Oaktree School Link Parent Meeting
24th March 2021

Year	Class	Link Parent		Year	Class	Link Parent		Year	Class	Link Parent	
2	Owl	Sarah McGowan (SM)	P	1	Bumblebee	Amy Noble (AN)	P	R	Hedgehogs	Hayley Armstrong (HA)	P
		Ms Hill									
2	Rabbit	Sarah Waterman (SW)	P	1	Ladybird	Sarah Carly (SC)	A	R	Robin	Susannah Clark (SC)	A
2	Fox	Clare Kirk (CK)	P	1	Woodpecker	Louisa Johnson (LJ)	P	R	Squirrel	Amy Botha (AB)	P
										Eloise Biasiucci (EB)	
'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>Actions from last meeting.</p> <p>Menu has been sent out and it will be changing after Easter so a new menu will be sent out. LS will be meeting Mrs Harrup after Easter to discuss transition. And next week to discuss dates.</p> <p>After school clubs – really hopeful that we can get some clubs started from the second week of the summer term. This is providing no guidance changes. We need to consider how we can logistically manage this with class or year group bubbles.</p> <p>Dates for next term – first half term is 6 weeks and second half is 7 weeks. Having looked at events already planned we are not going to be able to fit in another parent evening. We will be issuing reports and then having a report surgery where parents can discuss anything that has arisen from the reports. A slip will be put on the bottom of the letter for parents to comment.</p> <p>Will be sending out a reminder that the parent survey closes tomorrow. We have about a third of parents who have responded.</p> <p>Targets will be sent out at the end of this week – these are targets that children will be working on over next week and the start of term.</p> <p>Reminder of early finish next Thursday – will send out a parentmail.</p> <p>School Cloud Squirrel – worked really well lots of positive feedback Hedgehog – Worked well</p>		

Woodpecker – some parents had problems logging in. After that worked really well. 10 minute countdown worked well. Easier than face to face especially with childcare
Bumblebee – No one has mentioned any issues
Rabbit – all ok some parents forgot even though they were reminded
Fox- no negative feedback. As long as provision to speak longer if needed at a later date
Owl – all good, the time slots worked well and stopped people waffling.

From school perspective on the first evening we had 22 parents not show up and the teacher had then to fit these in at later points. Some parents did not want to engage with the app and contacted the school to say they preferred a telephone rather than video. With school cloud parents can't over run. It was a trial and for the report surgery we will go back to phone calls. We will make a decision in the autumn term as to whether we will go ahead with it. It was a good opportunity for parents to see the teacher face to face.

Squirrel – was the attendance better the second evening as a reminder was sent out?

LS – it was better but there were still some parents that didn't log on for their appointment. I know technology doesn't work for everyone but we have to have the same system for everyone. We will look at this for Autumn.

Squirrel – Question around your role as headteacher – what is happening.

LS – I was only ever here on an interim. Initially for a term but was extended for a year. There is a process but I can't say anything – this will come from the CEO and parents will be informed

Hedgehog – has it been decided whether classes will be mixed for next year. No preference from our parents.

LS – will be speaking to Mrs Harrup in regards to Year 2 to 3. We have not looked at mixing our reception or year 1 classes yet as parents as well as children need time to get to know each other. We will mix classes if there is a need.

Hedgehog – are you planning on making any further changes to drop off and pick up?

LS – the times needed to be shortened so that children didn't miss out on learning.

Woodpecker – pick up times – at 3pm it is busy, one parent who commented was asked what she would do to make it better and she couldn't come up with a solution. There is a problem with people jumping in the queue.

LS – Some parents are turning up too early and then joining the queue. This is causing a part of the problem. The new times have helped with parents not having to wait around at Hermitage. We ask that parents stick to their year group times, if parents have siblings they come at their earliest sibling time. Main concern is not to impact on children's learning.

Bumblebee – parents have said some of their children are struggling with sore hands. Suggested that they use the cream but some children don't want to use it.

LS – Children are washing and drying their hands well and are using the cream. Suggest parents put cream on at night and in morning to help. Teachers are doing a good job of reminding children to dry hands properly. Some children's skin is more sensitive. The hand sanitiser has aloe vera in it to help.

DP – my daughter suffered and the water was checked for temperature.

LS – water temperature is checked monthly.

<p>DP – Water bottles – some parents want to use metal, being eco they do not want to use plastic.</p> <p>LS – we are looking at school water bottles that are eco friendly and translucent. This will be from September. We are looking at ones that are softer plastic and you have the option of replacing the lids. We will not have any opaque ones from September.</p> <p>DP – will we go back to not having water bottles.</p> <p>LS - the water fountains are out of use which is why we are using water bottles</p> <p>Rabbit – Transition to Hermitage – keeping class together and change at a later date.</p> <p>LS – some parents want them mixed and some don't. I will speak to Mrs Harrup and if they are not mixed initially they will be at some point.</p> <p>Fox – same regarding transition.</p> <p>LS – Hermitage will let you know when they have made the decision.</p> <p>Owl – No questions</p> <p>LS – Thank you.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th May at 2pm.</p>	<p>LS Virtual meeting link to be sent to parents.</p>