

	Whittington Primary School	Date of meeting:	03.10.2019
	Parent Council	Date of report:	06.10.2019
Place of meeting:	Whittington Primary School		
Present:	Mrs Leeson, Kate (FunFest), Helen Fone, Liz Wood, Sophie Skinner, Steve Mikos, Anna Kennedy. (apologies from Clair Turner)		
Distribution:	Mrs Leeson, Kate (FunFest), Helen Fone, Liz Wood, Sophie Skinner, Steve Mikos, Anna Kennedy, Clair Turner		

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<p>Monthly meeting held to discuss future improvements for the school. The following action points were discussed/agreed:</p> <p><u>Vandalism of School Grounds / Site Security</u></p> <p>NL and LW explained that following the vandalism over the summer the PTA have sourced 4 CCTV sets. They have also set aside the funding to install these (and additional ones if needed) as a priority for this year's use of funds raised.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the schools policies and procedures if there were ever any incident of unwanted / dangerous imposters on the premises. NL explained about the schools Lock Down; "Invacuation" procedures and how the pupils have practised this (in their understanding in case a horse gets into the school grounds or similar). LW explained that there is a "City Resilience Team" in Birmingham who advise public buildings on how to tweak their security. NL may wish to see if there is a similar service operating here and invite them to support the school.</p>	<p>NL And PTA</p>
<p><u>Fun Fest Holiday Club</u></p> <p>Kate, Manager of Fun Fest local franchise came in to talk about the club which will trial during February half-term.</p> <p>It is an Ofsted registered provider of childcare for 3-11 year olds.</p> <p>It will open from 8am-6pm Monday-Friday during the holiday.</p> <p>There is a choice of 2 activities to take part in each morning and a further 2 each afternoon.</p> <p>It boasts quality activities and quality staff.</p> <p>On their website parents can book their children into different sessions and activities and register the child.</p> <p>Children bring their own lunch and snacks.</p> <p>Sibling discounts (brothers/sisters pay £25 per day instead of £27.50) and a full week discount (£120).</p>	<p>NL And Fun Fest</p>

<p>They plan to send a letter to parents asking them which activities they would like to see included in their programme.</p> <p>3/4 year olds will have a designated key-worker each day to keep a special eye on them.</p>	
<p>SATs Information for Parents</p> <p>In response to parental feedback the school plan to share more information about SATs tests with the parents of pupils in Year 2 and 6 this academic year. This may be in the form of evening meetings or by using videos shared with the relevant parents.</p>	<p>NL Yr2/6 staff</p>
<p>Transition:</p> <p>NL explained the current transition arrangements and the PC reflected positively on this provision.</p> <p>Transition to Secondary - 2 induction days + extra on individual needs basis. A piece of written work is sent to new school. Staff from secondary come and discuss individuals with teachers in school (e.g. friendship groupings)</p> <p>Transition between years groups - Transition evenings are held for 3 mornings, new books are started. (Additional visits on individual needs basis). Pupils practise walking new routes into school etc.</p> <p>New Nursery/Reception pupils - staff visit them in their previous setting. Staff are given time to liaise with past/future teachers.</p> <p>A request was made that Yr5 parents are given dates for secondary Open Evenings. NL said this was fine.</p> <p>A request was made that teachers share the information given in Transition meetings electronically. NL agreed as an action point.</p>	<p>Teachers</p> <p>NL</p> <p>NL</p>
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>Income Generation -</u></p> <p>Fun Fest will hire the school building therefore generating a small income.</p> <p>PTA have set up "Party Packs" with plates etc which anyone can hire for £5 / day</p> <p>Possibility of hiring out the school hall for parties etc.</p> <p>Free school meals - if parents can claim Free School Meals for their child (even if they do not want their child to have school meals) then the school gains a significant amount of income for the duration of that pupil's time in the school (even if they were only entitled to the free meals for a week in-between jobs).</p> <p>The school receives an additional £300/yr for each pupil whose family are in the services, an additional £2300/yr for each Looked After pupil and an additional £1320/yr for each child whose family have ever been eligible for and claimed Free School Meals. With the current funding crisis, we are urging everyone to double check their eligibility and claim if you can. It could make a HUGE difference to the school's finances. Please see: http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</p> <p>The impact of last year's Pupil Premium spending can be seen on the school website, as can the overview of the spending plan for the current year.</p>	<p>ALL PARENTS!</p>

<p><u>Parish Council / Baxters Field</u></p> <p>The Parish Council have some land - Baxters Field (opposite school and towards the Barracks). They have invited the school and WFEG organisation for ideas and suggestions about the best use for this land. The school are hopeful that this land may be used to help ease the traffic and parking issues outside the school. NL will be meeting with PC on 15th Oct.</p> <p>WFEG (Whittington and Fisherwick Environmental Group) WFEG want to support the school. They have drawn up a calendar of events whereby they will be coming in to school once a month to carry out conservation workshops with groups of pupils.</p>	<p>NL</p>
<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u> Thursday 7th November 2019 at 2pm.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following items would feature on the November meeting's agenda:</p> <p>Revisit Food Waste An introduction to School Priorities (NL) Reading Expectations (JH) Parking</p>	