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AGENDA FOR PARENTS' FORUM

Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 9.05am

Parent Council Reps

Early Years - Alex Dewdney-Bell

Year 1 - Michelle Lyon & Emma Pickering

Year 2 - Rachel Bennett (temp)

Year 3 - Emma Pickering

Year 4 – Lucy Carey & Michelle Lyon

Year 5 – tbc

Year 6 - Lucy Hall

How we will be:

Non-specific (not about individual children/adults).

Respecting others' opinions.

Keep it kind.

Solution focus.

Non-Repetitive

Be mindful of surroundings and ongoing work commitments.

 Review how we will be, terms of reference & last meetings actions

10 Minutes

2. Successes of the Term

10 Minutes

3. Transition Information

20 Minutes

4. Any other business – including School and Home Agreement update

10 Minutes

Date of next meeting: September tbc



Year 1

Wakehurst Trip

I was a parent helper on the trip and was really impressed with the organisation by the teachers and TAs and the respect they commanded from the children. The children all seemed to have a lovely time and were really well behaved and considerate of others who were there. The pond dipping was a definite favourite and the children were great at taking turns with this.

Hi, just to say the trip to Wakehurst was enjoyed very much.

Exactly the same from me as above! School trips brilliant.

Extra phonics support from staff much appreciated

Year 2:

 Highlights include Cats Protection visit and cinema (Hop) screening. Fossils seems to be going well this term, so far. 2BG parents enjoyed their class assembly, and 2LS are excited for theirs.

Year 3:

- Board Games Fabulous Finish. Great to be able to see how hard they'd worked on creating their board games and how inventive they were!
- 3WR assembly was lovely especially with the class ukulele playing.
- Ashdown Forest trip. All seem to have really enjoyed the day. It was well organised and the children behaved really well.

Year 4

• **Hindleap Warren Residential**: Hindleap trip was brilliant. My son loved it and was very grateful to have the experience. Big thanks to the Hindleap Team from us.

My child has raved about the trip, from the food, to the activities, he just had the best time. Thank you so much for taking them and making memories they'll have forever!

• **Golf Festival** -Great afternoon for the children - even though it was very hot they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

AOB

• Is it possible to have an option on the consent forms that if you are happy to car share and share your details with other parents going to be added to the form and same if you need a ride for your child you are happy to do so/share details. I know drivers need to share driving licence / insurance etc but if this was done early on it would save alot of last minute changes. The children didn't seem to know who were going etc so it was hard for parents to arrange car shares with no info. This will be better for the environment, help out working parents/parents with other children to collect back at school/less parking at wherever they are going. Just a thought.



• Improvements include communication about a yr2 trip - there is nothing listed on the dates to look out for section of the newsletter.

Are we doing anything for VE day - 8th May?

An assembly and putting up flags on the day for when children eat outside. Miss Durrant messaged a couple of people in hopes they could come in but haven't heard anything back. Activities that people can do in the afternoon.

• Multiplication Check Meeting - Thank you for putting this on however it had very low attendance - are all the other meetings/presentations like this? If they are, would these not be better done via Zoom? Working parents would be able to join online (that are able to) and those that have childcare problems could also join or those that can't could watch it when they can if it was recorded?

Year 5:

- Improvements include a few parents being unhappy about the music opportunity being a half day, while every other year group has had more of a music opportunity.
- Similarly, a few children have mentioned that they are disappointed that they aren't making pizza in their outdoor learning, and are instead doing hot chocolate (apparently every other year group has done pizza, and it has been anticipated), which they have done for a couple of years already (with the feedback being that it's not very nice hot chocolate).

Last year we did not make pizza during OL, this was done during DT (Summer 2). I actually don't know anything about hot chocolate (?). Smores during Outdoor Learning and pizzas during DT.

• It has also been suggested that each topic for the next parent forum is explained more, so that parents are aware of what might be included, and so that questions or considerations can be made, ultimately making it more accessible to more parents, who are unable to attend the meeting - info beforehand would be helpful, to explain, such as with this home school agreement topic - it wasn't clear what this would entail.

