

Crockham Hill C of E Primary Parent Council Minutes
11 October 2024

In attendance

Mrs Higgs (Headteacher)

Emily Keely (Chair)

Representatives across all year groups/classes

Agenda Item	Key Discussion points	Action
1	Welcome and Introduction	
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Review of actions from previous meeting in June 2024	
	All actions complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email has been sent r.e. speeding on the lane, and, reminder about parking by church and on lane between 08.30 and 09.00.• The Chair has raised the issue of car park lines with CH village hall, and will meet with Council to discuss changing speed limit sign from 30 to 20 mph to reflect conditions.• Attendees asked if the zigzag lines along the main road could be extended to improve visibility when pulling out of the lane.• Trees have been cut back by teachers' car park.• Water – is allowed in all classes.• Outdoor learning week – LH will seek opportunities to build in outdoor learning to ongoing learning / outdoor learning days / enrichment days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminder email to follow about speeding on the lane.• The Chair will update at next meeting about speed limit in the lane and zigzag lines on the main road.• Parents to remind children to take water bottles out of their bags.• Parents to send any ideas for outdoor learning days to the Head by email please.
3	What has gone well since the last meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toy workshops was very popular with KS1 children. Lots of good feedback has been received. The group discussed the benefits of organising these activities to be delivered in school, in particular for the younger children.	
4	PE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Options / practicalities are being explored for children to participate in the daily mile, 2-3 times per week would be the ambition across the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Head to update at next meeting.

- External PE teacher is being brought into school to deliver training to teachers / provide an opportunity to upskill PE teaching across all year groups, so parents shouldn't worry if their children are not having lessons with the external PE provider, they are still having PE. The school is focussing on the development of PE skills that can be applied across specific sports.
- Head teacher reassured the group that PE lessons are not cancelled disproportionately: lessons do get cancelled across the curriculum during the term and this is to be expected.

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School meal provider – all years

- Overall positive feedback – food considered to be better, however, some children not getting the full range of meal options. Caterers have provided feedback that it can take a few weeks to bed in / get used to the numbers of meals required each day, so this should improve.
- It is not possible to have a daily meal booking system.
- Teachers have been supporting the younger children by discussing the daily menu before they come to the dining hall.
- Head teacher to explore whether it would be possible to have photos of the meals on the menus to make it easier for younger children to select their meal option.
- Children taking packed lunches will sit separately to children taking school meals; this also helps to manage the noise levels in the hall.

- The Head to explore possibility of tasting session for children and / or parents to encourage children to try a wider range of meals, and, photos of meals.

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Permanent clothes bin

- Given the success of clothes collections for PTA school fund raising, an opportunity to have a permanent clothes recycling bin on the school site. The PTA Chair has spoken to the village hall who have agreed to a trial. The bin will be placed around the corner where the Tas park. Other schools in the area earn around £500-£800 per year from this initiative (company is called 'Kids Recycle'). ALL AGREED.

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Reflections from parents with older children

- There had been some feedback from parents with older children no longer at CH, around (perceived) different approaches to class work and homework, especially given the school-wide focus on pen licences, developing stamina through writing longer pieces, reading comprehension, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head teacher advised that an improvement adviser has been into school to check standards across school and give advice. However, if parents have any specific examples of this, she would be very happy to receive and discuss with parents. 	
8	Hall floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hall floor has started bowing again. Governors are aware. Children are warned during lunch / lessons, where needed. Children are still able to use the climbing apparatus on the side of the hall. 	
9	Feedback on year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing of applications of prefects, head boy / girl etc. This year application deadlines fell in the same week as the Kent Test. For future years, the Head teacher will remind Dandelions pupils at the end of the summer term, and they can prepare and submit their application early. May Queen and Master of Ceremony selection for the May Fair: it was proposed that this should be done by drawing the names of (willing) individuals out of a hat, rather than by voting across the school. In previous years, parents have enjoyed range of traditional and more modern music selection ('Steps'). In order to ensure attendance across the school, and that children have dance partners on the day, Head to send a reminder about participation at the May Fair, and so parents can let the school know if they are unable to attend. Prize-giving prizes and attendance. The Head encourages a wider range of attendance across the school at Prize-giving, and the Head should consider an email to remind parents that it is not a year 6 event only. Usually, 11 prizes are awarded to year 6 pupils, although this varies from year to year. The group discussed the prize that was voted for by pupils (which goes on the board in the hall) vs the Governors' prize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head to explore if it would be possible to bring forward the application date to the end of the summer term for Dandelions i.e. before they start year 6. The Head to explore selection process for MQ and MoC, as well as an email to ask parents to let the school know if they don't plan to attend.
10	Toilets (raised by Conkers parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A soap dispenser had been broken, which might be why parents understood there to be limited soap in the toilets. This has now been resolved. The toilets are checked daily and this includes replenishing soap supplies. 	
11	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given time constraints, items have been marked forward to the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE skills for use in secondary school, 	None

- School facebook group.
- Year 1 transition into Bluebells.

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Date of next meeting

Friday 7 February 2025 at 2 pm.