



Montbelle School Parent Forum 2019/2020

Date: 12 th February 2020	Attendees: Karen Smith Jo Powis	Apologies: Rachel Toolan Alexia Henderson Gillian Jackson Lucy Hewitt Lorraine B Joanne Badenhorst Sharon Woodrow Giulia Buttironi	
Meeting lead: Sarah Stewart - DHT			
Aspects of school functioning that are recognised by parents/carers as working particularly well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are loving the times tables Rockstars since it has been set by Miss Byrne with the correct times tables for the correct age. Improvements across both year 2 classes in matching the timetables available to the learning level of chn has really helped with access, learning and enjoyment. • Feedback regarding yr. 6 Sport's ambassadors has been really positive, with Yr. 6 chn are thoroughly enjoying and learning from the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in role. 		
Items discussed	Detail of discussion	Next steps	Review/outcome (to complete at next meeting)
Feedback from previous actions shared within forum – see review notes on previous meeting notes			
The need for clearer communication regarding school events that impact on the Nursery and whether they do/or don't include Nursery, and also the need for clear and timely Nursery	Nursery CT has ensured that all parents are aware of Nursery related sessions on parent overviews (circulated each half term). Staff remind parents that it is really important that these are read and information diarised at the time. Feedback has been shared with EYFS and office staff to ensure clearer notes are made on the newsletter to identify which events include Nursery, which don't and any changes to procedure e.g. for morning nursery.	KS and office staff to ensure that all mentions of school events on the newsletter clearly state whether the event includes nursery, or not, and detail alternate arrangements if needs be KS to ensure all Nursery events are listed on half termly curriculum	

<p>am advice re. events that are specific to them</p>		<p>overviews for parents Parents/carers to ensure that all events are note</p>	
<p>Whether chn in yr. 1 can wear their Forest School clothes to school on Forest School days, rather than uniform to make life easier in terms of washing and organisation</p>	<p>It is felt by school staff, that by yr. 1 chn should be able to manage changing for Forest School and the safe keeping of their clothes – the process of changing supports their developing independence and shows progression from Reception. As half the day is in class, uniform should be worn and the change made before the session to clearly mark the start of a new activity and the equipment needed for it. In addition, having the option of changing back in to uniform at the end of the day helps when Forest School clothes become very muddy or wet.</p>	<p>Procedure re. Forest school clothes to remain the same i.e. yr. 1 chn to wear school uniform to school with Forest School clothes in a bag to change in to before the lesson. To be reviewed again at the end of the academic year</p>	
<p>Curriculum development – Class reps to attempt to gather feedback from the parents in their classes regarding the curriculum and what parent’s feel would be most helpful for them to know</p>	<p>No feedback received. Staff to continue curriculum development work within school to incl. the development of knowledge organisers (as a means of summarise key learning within each subject for each year group).</p>	<p>Knowledge organisers to be shared with parents once completed for their information (will provide more detail for parents on the specifics of the curriculum) and to support home-based learning</p>	
<p>Query re. bus club availability during lunch times</p>	<p>New learning mentor is now in place – Debbie Robinson. Debbie has set up and is actively running a revised programme of lunch time support in the means of bus and ICT clubs every lunch time, accessible to chn from yrs. 2-6. These clubs provide alternate lunch time activities for chn who struggle during unstructured play times and/or who need additional support with social skill development. Clubs include craft,</p>	<p>DR will continue to run Bus club for the remainder of this academic year and will carry out regular reviews to ensure that it is effectively targeting the</p>	

	Lego, games etc.	chn who need it most, in the most effective ways.	
Query re. play equipment availability in KS1 play ground	<p>Currently play equipment is available to chn within the KS1 play ground in the form of sports equipment e.g. footballs, skipping ropes, hoops etc; construction materials e.g. large wooden blocks, Lego and the fixed climbing equipment e.g. monkey bars, slide etc.</p> <p>However, staff agree that the resources available need review, and possibly refreshing, to ensure that they remain 'fresh' and engaging to all.</p>	TH to review playground equipment available in KS1 playground to ensure that a range of engaging activities are available daily	
Concerns re. the possible spread of threadworms within school	<p>Discussed hygiene practices in school and offered reassurance that as a school we are doing all we can to ensure chn remain healthy and we help to limit the spread of germs, viruses and infections</p> <p>Parents to be made aware that they can request meeting with the school nurse to discuss specific health concerns, such as thread worms or head lice, should they feel it helpful to do so in order to aid treatment and prevention</p>	<p>All staff to continue promoting good hygiene practices for all chn</p> <p>Parents to request meeting with school nurse if desired, via Sarah Stewart</p>	
Query was raised re. the cost of wrap around care in school i.e. Alpha club, and a suggestion that comparatively costs are higher than other local providers	Some parental research in to costs of wrap around care in the local area has found that Alpha club costs are higher than average. This has been raised as a concern. Mrs Geden is aware of this concern and is currently investigating, she will then take action accordingly if needed.	EG to review potential discrepancy in cost with Alpha club	
Date of next meeting: Friday 27th March at 2pm in school			