 

“**Working Together, Playing Together, Serving God and Serving Others”**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT COUNCIL OF DAVENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD ON Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm**

1. **APOLOGIES:** Emma Langford,
2. **Attendees:**

Joanne Hyslop, Kayleigh Philips, Kerry Parry, Becci Kettle, Emma Pozniak, Emilie Mercer, Michelle Speers, Karla Kingston, Vic Jolley, Vikki Hind,

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

That the minutes of the meeting held on May be confirmed as a correct record.

1. **MINUTES and ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING**

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| **Agenda No.** | **Action** | **Responsibility** |
| **Positive Feedback**   1. Comms 2. Nativity 3. Mrs Ozturk - Charity | Great feedback given regarding the communication from the school to parents during the bad weather. Grateful that the school was able to remain open.  The efforts of staff involved in the end of year programmes including the nativity were highly praised. It was highlighted that it is wonderful how much sign language is used in the school.  Very inspiring actins from Mrs Ozturk and many Students are seeing these actions and wanting to do raise money for Charity. Thank you for sharing this with the students and parent community. |  |
| **Constructive and new ideas**  **1) Holiday clubs**  **2) Maths – how is it taught in Year 3/4**  **3) Scenic Stomp**  **4)** **Running at playtime** | It was asked if a holiday club would be running in Easter? Could parents know if they are running with more notice.  The council discussed how Maths is taught. The year groups are taught input as a whole year group of 45. Then they move back to the class to do further workings with support of the TA and teacher. This ensures active learning at each point of the lesson.  It was highlighted that pupils are no longer doing the daily stomp.  Pupils were banned to run for one playtime at the end of 2024 due the behaviour. | JH to check staffing levels and get information on clubs in advance for parents to know the options with enough time to make necessary plans.  JH to look in to creating a document for parents or running a workshop to explain the process.  JH confirmed that pupils are doing more PE than any other year. They have 2 PE sessions a week. The scenic stomp now used when classes see it necessary to get the children moving as it had turned in to another playtime and was not having the intended impact.  KP will explain to pupils that running is allowed. |
| 1. **Comms on Google classroom**   **6)Reading levels**  **7)Sending books home prior to parents evening**  **8)Free spelling app**  **9)Christmas costs**  **10)Panto**  **11)Trainers**  **12)Homework**  **13)Using X for showcasing**  **14) Year 4 residential** | The council discussed volume of comms coming through. It was noted that some items could be in the newsletter and not on GC.  There was a request to know what reading level and colours are for the relevant year group.  It was noted that parents with multiple children find it difficult to take home all the books before parents evening.  It was asked if there is a speeling app that can be used by pupils.  It was brought to the table that during the December period it was very costly for families.  Items including Christmas cards, panto, raffle, tea towels and funfest. Some parents wished to know if there any payment plans available for these payments.  The panto shortfall was discussed, and it was explained that the school cannot keep putting on the panto with such a large shortfall.  It was mentioned that pupils have been wearing trainers with school uniform and trainers of all colours are being worn.  Some parents would like to know if it is possible for Y2 to have homework workbooks.  Some parents have stated that homework books are not being marked.  It was asked if Davenham could use another platform other than X to showcase.  Parents have been asking for the upcoming trip in March | JH encouraged Parents to visit her and explain which communications that they do not feel comfortable with receiving. This item has been discussed, and it was decided that parents have the choice to mute the notifications if they wish not to receive them.  JH and KP to send a recap of these levels to parents.  JH advised that parents can email class teachers to organise to take them home after parents evening.  KP asked the council to find out the free app and they would happily sign up for it to give access to pupils.  JH to discuss with FODS to move Christmas cards and Funfest early to get payments in earlier so that parents can plan parents.  JH stated that the decision to not do the panto again has been made by the governing body. The financial shortfall was too much. If parents disagree and would like to voice this, they are free to write to the board.  JH to issue a general uniform reminder. Trainers should be navy, black or white only for PE days.  KP to review with Maths lead if Year 2 could have books for homework.  JH to check with teachers regarding marking homework books.  KP stated that you can see the live feed of X on the Davenham primary website to view the content if parents do not have an account. A lot of schools are continuing to use X.  JH to ask for a kit list to be sent to parents of year 4 pupils. |
| **AOB** | Year 6 PE sessions changed to one lesson.  Stanley water bottles | JH explained that due to a timetable change the PE for the pure Y6 class is one long session of 1.5 hours instead of 2 sessions of 45 minutes.  JH clarified that it is only the larger water bottles with a handle and straw that leak should not be sent to school. The Stanley brand itself is not banned. Water bottles should be able to fit in the bottle carriers for easy access to the children. |