

Parent Forum Agenda - Friday 16th June 2023

1. The Burlington PTA - Amanda F and Zoe M attended from the PTA

- PTA is for everyone.
- The aim of the PTA is to raise funds for school, such as visits, workshops, author visits and other enrichment activities.
- Always looking for new ways to bring in new volunteers
- Next fundraising event is Burlington Colour Run on Saturday 1st July.

2. Review of points from previous meeting

- Lunchtime - we have talked to year 3 and made changes. Year 3 and 4 only on the back playground at lunchtime if they want to play apart from older pupils. We have held assemblies on this subject for all pupils. Split breaks also work well.
- Fleece - This is now discontinued at PMG schoolwear and not part of our uniform. They are being phased out.

3. Points raised by parents

- Homework - All year groups are set homework on a Thursday with a full week for it to be completed. Homework club is for children who might require help or do not have facilities at home to complete their work. Homework changes have been well received by parents.
Parents have commented that they have been asked to research a topic before the topic has been discussed/taught in class. We will talk to teachers about this. Homework should not be a battle at home or make a child unhappy. Any problems please discuss with your class teacher in the first instance.
- Communication - Good open door policy with all teachers for parents to speak to at the start or end of the day. Emails to teachers, these are passed on from the office. Teachers can't always reply straight away in the mornings as this is the time they are preparing lessons, most will reply at the end of the day or ask the office to do it on their behalf. Emails sent late on Friday will be answered on a Monday giving teachers their weekends without work. Parent Reps have been asked to not encourage personal discussions via Whatsapp and ask parents to email directly to the school office.
- Front playground fencing. There are no plans for additional plants to be planted to give more privacy on the front playground due to the new build starting. Once the new build is completed playgrounds will be away from the Burlington Road.
- Toilets - There are enough toilets to accommodate all children. If your child has medical needs and requires a toilet cubicle, this can be arranged - please speak to the office. The new build will have toilets with open washroom areas and private cubicles. Girls sanitary products are available from the school office for girls needing them, this has been spoken about in class and will also be addressed in their PHSE lessons.

- Secondary School Children onsite - Mr Blow has spoken to those concerned using the school as a cut through, however most are onsite to collect their younger siblings.

4. School Finances

- Like most households, schools are not exempt from rising costs. The teachers who have been striking for increased pay are also striking for more funding for schools. BJS finances are alright at the present time and we are lucky to have the number of support staff that we have (TA's). The Mayor of London for 2023/24 has now offered FSM for all primary school children for one year, however some schools will need to increase their kitchen facilities and staffing levels as a result. BJS is able to cope with the expected rise in hot meal take up. A voluntary contribution is asked for at the beginning of each school year in September per family. We will be using our contributions to purchase play equipment for the field and play areas around our new building.

5. The New Building

- The first phase of the building work will start in July 2023 on the staff car park and the MUGA. Mrs Utting showed plans of the design of the building and the final completion date (demolition of the CLASAP building) is expected to be June 2025. However the new school is aiming to be finished by December 2024. Letters will be sent to all parents with further updates.

Next Meeting October 2023

