



Barley Lane Primary School

Parent Forum Minutes

9th January 2023 – Junior Hall

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In attendance: Staff: Mr Henry (Headteacher)

Parents: approx. 20 parents attended

Notes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and Actions from the previous meeting Mr Henry thanked parents for joining. Two agenda items had been emailed in advance.</p> <p>Actions from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading/Volunteers: we are currently arranging for reading volunteers to start at the school. We will send out information in the coming week or so, parents can apply to be volunteers for 1:1 reading with children. Training to be provided - Redbridge Book Awards: We have received some of the book entries so will distribute to some children to read and review - Redbridge Institute Adult Education: We have circulated information about the courses in the school newsletter. They will commence this term for parents at the school. - Library Opening: We opened the library last half term after school on Tuesdays as a result of parent forum suggestion. Unfortunately, the take-up was quite low, perhaps due to weather and dark evenings, so this will not go ahead in Spring 1; we may reopen after school later in the spring or summer term. 	
<p>2. Warm Space Provision</p> <p>A parent submitted a request for the school to consider a ‘warm space’ for parents after school one or two afternoons per week, for a place to have a cup of team during this difficult time. School is considering the use of the food technology room and Mr Henry explained that the Barley Lane Friends’ Association is currently raising funds to make this a more workable space for the community to use. As mentioned above, the opening of the library after school did not result in many families joining, but we can consider this initiative.</p>	<p>School to consider the warm space provision.</p>
<p>3. Curriculum Working Party</p> <p>A parent submitted a query about whether the curriculum party would be meeting this year. The previous meeting took place on 9th November which was reasonably well attended and focused on both diversity and sustainability. Mr Henry thanked parents for their contributions.</p>	<p>School to confirm spring term parent curriculum working party meeting date</p>

<p>4. AOB Some additional questions from parents:</p> <p>Contextual Safeguarding and Community Safety: A parent asked if there had been any follow-up from the December coffee morning with councilor Nav Johal and the Seven Kings Neighbourhood team: e.g. if the council has been approached to close the toilets at Barley Lane Recreation Ground. The school has not received any follow up from the visit; parents said they felt there has been a more visible police presence in recent weeks.</p> <p>Clubs: A parent asked for an update on a debating club, Mr Henry said that the coding club providers have been approached and we will update if this goes ahead. There was a suggestion that Toastmasters may provide debating opportunities; school to look into this</p>	<p>School to approach Nav Johal and the Safer Neighbourhood Team for an update</p> <p>School to follow up on debating club query and inform parents if we open one</p>
<p>5. Time and Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st March, 5pm on Zoom</p>	