

Parent Forum

2nd May 2018 @ 1.30pm

Present:

Phillipa Butterwick – Parent

Lisa Green – Parent

Kelly Carpenter – Parent

Mrs Hernandez-Wyatt

Adrian Mount - Headteacher

Sharon Bremner – Family Liaison Officer

Apologies:

Sanita Venediktova

Elizabeth Calder

Kerry Smith

Donata Grineviciene

Richard Warne

Kelly Beal

A Harrison

Leanne Skinner

Tony Rogers

S. Abbott

Sharon Fennell

Hannah Tappenden

Debbie Barker

Christine Weaver

Mrs N Tweedale

	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Sharon reminded parents that everybody has a voice and should be allowed to be heard and make comments in an environment that is comfortable and welcoming (Golden Rules).</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting held on 7th February 2018 were read out and each point was discussed:</p>
1.	<p>School Playgrounds:</p> <p>Infants.</p> <p>Adrian said the grand opening of the infants' playground held on the 20th April was a great success. All organisations that have donated funding were invited in to see the amazing playground that they supported.</p> <p>Juniors.</p> <p>Adrian shared some exciting news, he announced that the school has raised the target figure towards the Junior Playground Project. A design has been created that will be inspirational, age appropriate and cater for all abilities. After consultation with staff, pupils, governors and landscape designers, concept plans were drawn up. It is hopeful that work will commence in Autumn 2018.</p>

	<p>This is due to the amazing work of the new fundraising efforts of Kim Debling the school fundraising officer.</p> <p>In previous Parent Forums, a request was made for a Wheelchair friendly roundabout to be provided. I am pleased to say this is on the plans and has been costed in.</p> <p>A parent asked about the location of the playground, and would it have an impact on events, such as sports day? Adrian said there is plenty of room to cater for sports day and events that take place at the school. Adrian spoke about the 3.5 acres of land proposed for the schools use. The plan is to have a pavilion, football pitch, changing facilities, a forest school and a horticultural area with a Polytunnel.</p>
2.	<p>Class Dojo ClassDojo was discussed, it was nice to hear that parents are getting messages and receiving messages about their child’s progress. One parent said that it is nice to hear what is going on in her child’s class. Adrian reminded parents that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class groups are closed • It is set up for individual classes • This is an additional way of sharing information.
3.	<p>Future events:</p> <p>Come Dine with your Child Sharon said that this time last year (May) we had ‘Come dine with your child’ Obviously this has not happened, so she will look at organising it for June.</p> <p>Fireworks event In the old Foreland School, we had a Fireworks evening as a goodbye to the old school. Friends of Foreland School (FOFS) funded a Fireworks display on the new site last November. All agreed this was a great event and Adrian would like to organise another one for the Autumn term.</p> <p>Family Camp out We are looking at the possibility of hosting a family camp out in the summer for Foreland Fields’ families. Families would provide their own tent and bedding. We hope to make this a great event with family entertainment, BBQ food and breakfast. We are at the early stages of planning so watch this space. There will be a charge for this event and an additional cost for refreshments.</p> <p>Summer Fair: The Summer fair is booked for 13th July. Always a great family event.</p> <p>Picnic in the park: For Infant and Junior families to come into school in the summer holiday to picnic in the Infant playground. Places will be limited; dates will be staggered</p>

	over the month of August. Look out for booking letter from Sharon the family liaison Officer(FLO).
4. Action SB	<p>Play & Stay events for infant department: A Parent from the Infant department asked “how come some parents have been to stay and play and not others?” Sharon explained that it is focused play and too many adults in the room at one time would be too much for the students. Sharon explained that it is a wonderful opportunity for parents to see what is being taught in the class and for them to engage with this. I informed them that they will all get a turn and be invited in. One mother said she has been away and is worried that she has missed her turn. She asked if she could have the schedule or dates when parents will be invited in. This way she would know that she has not missed it, and it is coming up. FLO to talk to head of infant department and share the above comments</p>
5.	<p>Forest School. The infant students have been enjoying the facilities at Quex Park - Manor House Forest School. Funding has been received so that students from the upper school can benefit from this outdoor experience, and become fully immersed with nature. A parent asked if staff are trained for the Forest School. Nannette from Yellow class in the infant department is taking the lead on the Forest School and is undergoing training to become a Forest School Leader.</p>
6.	<p>Spring Concert: Adrian spoke about the very successful concert that was held on the 9th March 2018. The whole school community came together for the Spring Concert. Performers included Foreland Fields School Choir, Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir, Tom Abrahams playing the guitar and Denny Wood playing the Flute. It was a great event and raised a massive £1,694,50. Adrian would like to make this an annual event. A parent asked if the times for any future concerts could be brought forward, this was held at 7pm and finished at 9pm. Adrian said this would be considered, but a lot of the performers offered their services voluntary and may have work commitments in the day time.</p>
7. <i>Update from Head Teacher</i>	<p>Parents comments: School website: From meeting 7.2.18 Parent unable to open up attachments on the website. i.e. the ‘Parent Forum minutes.’ A parent said they are unable to open the attachment, so they can print it. <i>Update from Headteacher. All files available for parents have now been converted to a PDF so parents should not have any trouble reading and printing out from the Foreland Field Website.</i> Car Park: The pillars along the pavement by the disabled bays, prevent the ramps and lifts from opening fully. That is why some of the vans and larger cars park at an</p>

<p>Action FLO</p> <p>Update FLO</p>	<p>angle (between bays) to allow for their lifts or ramps to be manageable when loading/unloading their children in their wheelchairs. The schools finance department are getting quotes. We have listened to parents and the bollards will be removed and replaced with wedges. This will inform drivers of how far they need to reverse in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians.</p> <p>A parent comment that the school busses drive fast when leaving the car park. This can be unnerving for some of the parents. <i>FLO to organise a meeting with Lynda (office manager) and AirPort Connections.</i></p> <p>Friends of Foreland School (FOFS:) From meeting 7.2.18 FOFs is a very small group of mostly staff who raise money throughout the year fundraising for students in the school. A parent asked if they can have updates about what FOFS are doing. There used to be a newsletter that was sent out. <i>FOFS do not send a newsletter out to parents now, any updates from FOFS will be on a letter.</i></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Questions from parents who could not make the meeting:</p> <p>Cycling Club. <u>Any news on a cycling club?</u> There have been many discussions about 'cycling' please look at the minutes from the last meeting - 7th February and 15th June. We are not in apposition to offer a cycling group. A parent did inform the forum that Fowlmead near Deal hire out bikes and tricycles</p> <p>School meal portion size. Are portion sizes monitored for school dinners, do upper school have larger portions? If they are monitored who does it?</p> <p>Sharon reported that Caterlink have a sheet displayed in the kitchen to show the portion control for primary, secondary & adult size portions for 6th formers. Copy with minutes please see appendix 1. All staff who take children to the food hatch are aware of the student dietary requirements. It is displayed on the student's individual placemats. Some children have to have their portion control monitored for various reasons, this is done by the class staff on a daily basis. Chris Holmes is in the hall monitoring upper school students, lunchtime procedure.</p>
	<p>Date of Next meeting: TBC It was agreed that meetings should alternate between morning and afternoon. The next meeting will be Wednesday 20th June @9.00am. Jeremy Edwards (Deputy Headteacher) will be in attendance.</p>