

Parent Forum meeting 14/05/2025

Agenda Items

	Agenda item	School Feedback	Outcome/ Action
1	Please can we have some clarity on shorts that can worn for PE.	Shorts –navy blue or black (plain) not short cycling shorts or hot pants.	Clarity around wording will be put in Tunstall Times. No branded shorts. No hot pants. Length needs to be closer to the knee.
1 b	Do PE days have to change each term?	Timetables change according to PPA slots for teachers which are morning or afternoon and dependant on whether the children are accessing Forest School, Kickstart etc. This then depends on where the rest of the timetable is placed meaning that PE days do sometimes change.	Shared in Tunstall Times as soon as agreed for following term.
2	Do the children have to learn joined up writing ?	Children are taught joined-up (cursive) handwriting because it's a key part of meeting the expected standard in Year 6 writing assessments. In the SATs writing, pupils are expected to write legibly and fluently using joined-up handwriting across longer pieces of work. It's not just about neatness—it helps with writing speed, flow, and presentation. By mastering joined-up writing, children can focus more on what they're saying rather than how they're forming each letter, which supports clearer, more confident writing.	Consider handwriting club as previously offered. Consider sharing Letter Join progression with parents. Pen licence criteria being reviewed by Languages Team.
3	Children are still using mobile phones in the morning around the bike shelter area, can this be monitored please.	Yes a member of SLT will monitor this going forward.	A member of SLT will monitor this going forward.
4	Why was it not communicated clearly to parents that children who attended the young voices concert would have their attendance record affected. The school agreed they didn't have to arrive until 10.45am the following day and parents were under the impression that it was	Comments noted for future events.	

	authorised and wouldn't affect attendance records as it was a school event. Future occasions like this need better communication.		
5	Can the celebration dance day go back to be called May Day like it always has been previously? Parents like the tradition of the name of May Day especially as the Year 6 children take part in the actual May Day dancing.	Discussed link to Creativity Week (e.g. Dancing Through the Decades the year of Queen's jubilee) and moving away from Pagan Festival.	Consider discussing upon Mrs Andrews' return.
6	Can we have an update on the main gates being fixed, noticed workmen the other day working on them. Are they fixed now? Drove past the school late a couple of days ago and gates were still open, with no cars in there only the mini buses parked, so didn't look like anyone was in school.	We are as exasperated as you – it has been one thing after another! Getting the gate manufacturers and the gate fitters to take responsibility was the first hurdle. Timeline from Mr Hall shared.	Currently we are waiting for parts.....again!
7	I am aware from the news that school budgets are massively squeezed. Could a call go out to parents who may have expertise or contacts that could assist the school. Eg the bike track needs repair - does anyone have a contact in a specialist company that could assist at reduced rates? Acknowledge that the PTA already do loads and many parents/people already volunteering time eg Wise Owls.	The bike track has been mentioned in Tunstall Times – does anyone have any contacts?	Continue to advertise via Tunstall Times. Consider appeal to Tunstall families with trade links.
8	How about the charging for the school run after school clubs (more than £1, parity with afterschool club?) to cover the costs of staffing those clubs. Understand that this is put in place to make it affordable for everyone but I think as long as those who genuinely can't afford them know that they can ask the FLO for support I don't think parents will be hugely averse	Thoughts from parents? Parent feedback from absent parent shared: impact on families 'cost of living'.	Transparency around current funding crisis in schools, with families. Consider increasing price to create consistency.
9	Children are getting upset about packed lunches sitting outside and school dinners inside. Children now don't want school dinners as it means they get split from their friends. Can anything be done about this to encourage school dinners?	I understand this frustration but due to space in the hall it would delay lunches significantly if we were to get everyone to sit in the hall.	Clarity that packed lunch children eat outside during fair weather. KS1 packed lunches eat in the hall. KS2 packed lunches eat in classrooms. KS1 packed lunches can choose to sit indoors if they'd prefer.

10	Can school dinners be discussed at registration for what children would like so the kitchen know what to cook and don't run out of certain options? Other schools do it this way and tick the choice during registration.	Unfortunately, this is restricted from the Catering Company and not from us.	We are looking into alternative companies for September which may offer this option.
11	For the class forum, can we ask about the menu for this term, it seems to have stopped at March this year and not been updated	Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Although this was shared with parents via email, we are aware.	Website is not up to date and this will be rectified as soon as possible.

12	Can head injuries be communicated to a parent when they happen and not just a generic email at the end of the school day?	Email notification of head injuries replaces the previous system where children were given a paper copy to hand to parents at the end of the school day. If a head injury occurs that give the school any reason for concern, parents are contacted during the school day by telephone. The email system ensures that the message does get to the parents and takes out any risk of a piece of paper getting lost.	Head injury form has been edited so more detail will be included on notification to parents. One parent fed back they received a phone call immediately.
13	Tunstall Times - links not working to the class pages	Thank you for bringing this to our attention and the links are now working correctly	Links are now working correctly
14	Other schools have sessions where parents can go and look at children's books on a regular basis. Is this something that Tunstall could introduce so that we see books more than just at parents evenings?	I will discuss this with Mrs Andrews on her return for next year.	I will discuss this with Mrs Andrews on her return for next year.
15	Can football be a regular after school club with KickStart?	Kickstart are happy to offer a variety of sporting activities after school. For terms 5 and 6, we are focussing on more summer sports and have chosen cricket and tennis. Children will of course still have plenty of time to practice their football skills during lunch times with their friends.	We will look to re-introducing football club with Kick-start in September.
16	Is it possible for blog to come out earlier on a Sunday? I assume it is automated, and sometimes it is asking for/reminding us to do things and it might be easier if we could see that earlier in the day.	I will discuss this with phase leaders as I am not sure when all staff complete and report back at the meeting.	Agreed for blog to be timed to go 'live' at 10am on Sundays.

Powerful Parental Positives

- We are so grateful to Mrs Homer for all her hard work over these last few months. She is such a lovely warm person. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Andrews back. Excited that we will have a school with two exceptional leaders in charge.
- Just wanted to add for parent forum to say we are really excited to hear that Mrs. Andrews has been reappointed as head teacher. Mrs Homer has been amazing and has done an exceptional job and will continue to do the same and excited that the leadership of Tunstall is in great hands.
- Please pass onto Mrs Homer. I think this is one of the best headteacher blogs I've read. Very thoughtful and interesting to read that really resonated with me.
- Please can you say to Mrs Homer thanks for her kind words, encouragement and support - what a lovely message for the years 6s SATS.

	<u>AOB</u> • Opal play – Miss Rogers will be sharing with us about the Opal play project we will be taking place in from next term.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZfrmY9tuCM Please watch the above link which captures what Opal play is
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	<u>Last meeting follow up:</u> • AOB not discussed at last meeting: Minibus • School photos •	Seeking parental feedback on the use of the minibus as costs are increasing from September Do we want formal or relaxed whole class photos?
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