



Friends of Parkway Meeting : 26th September 2023

AGENDA:

Welcome from Mr Alabi and Mrs Shepherd

Handover to Joanne Fidler and Neraida Boyle to discuss ideas for future events which include:

Family indoor cinema event

Winter Wonderland

Possible World Food Day (Mr Alabi to update)

Dates of upcoming workshops:

Tuesday 3 rd October	9:00am	Bexley Voice
Monday 9 th October	9:00am	Mrs Cross, SEND
Thursday 12 th October Coffee Morning	9:00am	Mental Health in Schools Team
Tuesday 17 th October	2:40pm	Phonics Workshop with Mr Trevena for EYFS and KS1

Any Other Business

Minutes from Meeting:

Mr Alabi welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mrs Shepherd.

Update given on parent/carer workshops that were planned and parents/carers asked if they could think about any outside speakers that they would like to see deliver a workshop: Mind

Jo and Maria (Parent Representatives) spoke about ideas for events:

- Pamper evening
- Movie night for children and parents – refreshments to be available, hot dogs and popcorn
- Bingo night – possibly just for adults

Mr Alabi spoke about the idea for a celebration of cultures through food where parents could come in and for a small cost could share different foods with their children, Mr Alabi is in talks with the school caterers about this and will update.

The floor was open for parents/carers to discuss ideas for fundraising and events, the following ideas were offered:

- Silent disco (particularly with SEN children in mind)
- Monthly cake sale (concerns raised about carbs for diabetic children, suggestion that some cakes could be shop bought and would have levels of carbs etc on them)
- Monthly tuck shop (concern that this did not fit with the healthy eating ethos of the school)
- Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale (worries that the cost would be too high for families)
- Easter Bonnet competition – perhaps each class could attend assembly on a different day of the week, parents could be invited in and a prize could be awarded per class, winners announced on the Friday.

This year's Winter Wonderland event was raised, date to be agreed but will be in December. There would be a call out for volunteers for stalls again this year but also for parents/carers to attend preparation sessions for wrapping etc.

It had been decided that this time there may not be a request for donations due to the cost of living crisis. A suggestion was made that the school could set up a donation box in the office area for year round donations – this will be followed up.

The idea of a stall where parents could buy pre-loved dressing up clothes was raised. This will be considered although school were concerned as previously when this had been tried for collections of Christmas jumpers there had been little interest.

Parents/carers raised that they felt that sometimes the school did not give them enough notice of events and they asked that this could be considered. School was also concerned that not all communication was effective and parents/carers

suggested that the most effective way of getting messages home was to tell the children about events, again this will be taken on board.

At the end of the meeting parents/carers were asked if they would like to write any further suggestions on post-it notes that had been left on the tables. These were collected at the end of the meeting and the following suggestions were recorded:

- Tarot/medium psychic evening
- Art therapy
- Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Day
- Halloween Event (pumpkin carving/costume/apple bobbing etc.)
- Mother and Baby Group
- Flower Arranging Workshop
- McMillan Coffee Morning (too late to organise for this year but a chance for parents to socialise and raise money for charity)