**Parent Council Meeting – Friday 17th May**

Attendees: Fiona Crascall, Linda Vann, Kelly Lott, Nicola Watson, Sarah Belsey, Gary Layton, Lisa Hellings

 School focus/plans for next year – FC explained the focus on developing the Forest School provision and increase use of this for all pupils, with increase investment from local charity in the nature area. Continue fundraising for the minibus which will be valuable for all the school to attend more events/visits outside of school.

 School Uniform – do parents want to change uniform? KL to start a Facebook poll. We can then investigate what to change for Sept 2020. **– Action KL**

o School uniform is still as on school website, this should be enforced by class teachers (discretion given when needed)

 After school club – the school need to review terms and condition and how afterschool club is booked and paid for by parents, as the school is losing money when places are booked and then cancelled at last minute. Proposal is to ask parents to pay full amount at time of booking then take 50% if cancelled within 24hours. – **Action FC/finance officer**

 Communication – Can Mr Hayes be “School Sports contact” on Facebook so he can add events, updates, scores etc? Can school events/dates be added on Facebook as reminders? Can parents be given more notice for class assemblies etc? Can these be added on Class Newsletter at beginning of term, to allow parents to book day off etc – **Action FC/Class teachers**

 Car Parking – concerns over dangerous parking in yellow hatched area. LH to bring in some cones. LV to ask if PTFA can fund a “safe parking” banner. PSCO will revisit

 Classroom temperature – very hot in school. Especially year 6, find it hard to concentrate. **Action** **FC to investigate**

 Charity events from outside school – like Nick Hassall marathon. School supported because it linked with Community focus, SIAMS goals, promotes school/governor relations.

 Sports Day – Will be Friday 5th July in the morning, then picnic and early finish or movie, same as last year. House coloured T-shirts. **Action** **FC to add to newsletter**

 Shared learning sessions – can these be spread over different days to allow parents that work those days to attend? Note to parents – if they cannot attend they are always welcome to speak to teacher and Mrs Crascall on another day – **FC to consider**

 Homework and reading in class – please can homework grids be handed out sooner, at beginning of term to allow children more time to complete? Please can teachers/TA write in Reading Record books with more detail, so that parents can assist more with developing reading – **Action class teachers**

 Activities/Ideas :-

o Visit to local old peoples/nursing home or they come to school, for story telling, board games etc. Really valuable to kids and older people wellbeing, sense of community. **FC to investigate**

o Visit to East Kent Ploughing Match 25th Sept 2019. At Shepherdswell. Valuable learning about local rural community, farming and countryside activities. **FC to investigate if maybe 2 classes could attend**

o Garden working party day **–** very successful before. Suggested date Sat 8th June – **FC to check date and add to newsletter**

 Year 6 leavers CD compilation – Gary and Nicola to investigate

Next meeting date TBC towards end of term 6