

Join us for 'Tea & Talk'

Let's make good things happen



As requested by parents, a new Pen Mill 'Tea and Talk' session is being offered. This is an opportunity for parents to meet, chat, share experiences, network and request information and speakers on subjects of your choice.

The group will be hosted by the Parent & Family Support Advisor with drop ins from other staff members and visiting professionals.

Tea & Talk social session
Wednesday 29th June 22
Doors open - 09am-10:15am
Extended school Room - mobile
unit by the carpark.
Everyone welcome!

26/05/22 Parent 'Tea & Talk' Feedback

Parent requests/questions

- Is **Mother and baby/toddler** coming back. Parents found it a good transition for their children and for them. It helped children meet staff, get used to the site and for parents to build a relationship with staff. 'much missed'

School Response:

No plans at this time.

- Parents would attend a **parenting group** regardless of any issues with their children but as a way of gaining insight of child development, behaviour and to make sure they are 'getting it right'. Also, to support each other as parents.

School response:

Pen Mill PFSA has approached St Michael's school PFSA in undertaking a joint group for parents. 'Tuning in to kids' If parents are interesting in attending please email Jackie -PFSA

- Weekly announcements board in the playground** – Parents raised their concerns that some parents forget or are unable to access jotter alerts and therefore miss information relating to school which means some children miss out of fun stuff such as none uniform day, swimming and the recent crown wearing parade. It has been suggested that a '**what's on this week**' board be placed at the entrance gate with simple information on it to help remind parents. This will help promote that all children are included in what's going on.

School Response:

The playground already has notice boards which will now be updated regularly along with a playground board for special occasions and events to help remind parents what is happening at school. Parents must also take responsibility for accessing and reading Jotter to make sure their child can take part fully in school events.

- Jotter** – lots of parents are not signed up to jotter missing vital information. Parents are sharing this information with other parents but feel it might be helpful if they make themselves available in the playground to help guide other parents set up Jotter on their smart phones. *Jotter Corner*

School Response:

The instructions on how to set up and use Jotter are now displayed in the playground display boards. Instruction have been printed and are available in reception for parents to take home. Mrs Manning has in principle agreed to 'Jotter Corner'. Discussion with the parent making the offer to undertake this will take place if parents voice this is what they would like. Please make this known to Mrs Manning, Mrs Cullen and Miss Potter at the school gate when dropping off and collecting your children.

- It was raised that parents are using their **phones on the playground** regardless of signs displayed saying this is prohibited. Please can a reminder go out to parents.

School Response:

Parents are not permitted to use their phones in any way on school grounds for safeguarding reasons. Please can all parents abide by this rule.

- Dogs tied up at gate**- Dogs are being left tied up and unattended at the school gate. Children like to pet dogs which is fine if they can ask the owner if it is safe to do so, but some dogs get nervous when left and may react. Please can a reminder go out to parents

School Response:

The school has a No Dogs on school premises policy at all times. Please note this includes carrying small dogs on site. All Dogs should be accompanied when in close proximity of the school gate, always giving space from the main entrance to allow free flow of parents and children.

For your information: Unattended dogs are prime targets for dog theft. Dogs should not be walked in moderate and high summer temperatures in the afternoons as it is dangerous to their health.

- **PTA/ Fund raising** – How can parents get involved in the PTA and fund raising for the school. With increasing energy bills over the coming winter, the parents voiced how they would like to help in some way.

School Response:

Sam Chamberlain currently leads the PTA and is always willing for an extra pair of hands to help her with fundraising events.

- **Hat Parade-** Parents really enjoyed the jubilee crown parade. It was stated that it's good to get back to normal school activities and socialising.
- The parents who attended the '**Tea & Talk**' have asked for this event to take place once a month from 9am - 10:15am. This can be reviewed depending on attendance numbers, special events or individual groups. It was agreed that the group must be viable with reasonable numbers of parents attending to continue long term.

Request for Speakers – to be arranged

- SEN information and services
- School Nurse – Healthy eating, Healthy food habits