

## Parents' Voice meeting – Term 2, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The main focus of the meeting was a discussion about our school values, and how we can work together to promote these. Nine parents attended. Ali Hassan (Governor) chaired, supported by Bern Leckie (Parents Governor). Other staff were Ruth Cochrane (Community Lead) and Joe Cook (Year 4 Teacher, Maths Leader of Maths and Governor).

Welcome and introductions	Ali welcomed everyone to the meeting and we introduced ourselves. Ali explained that Parents' Voice is a forum where parents can meet others and meet school governors. It's an opportunity to explore what's new in school and how we can work together as a community to make school a better place for everyone.
School Values	Ali explained that as we have not run Parents' Voice for some time, a good starting point would be exploring our five school values and thinking about what these values look like when they are working well in school.
What are our school values?	Ruth explained that our school values are; Determination, Openness, Nurture, Respect and Enjoyment. Our values are what we believe in as a school – they help us decide how we teach and they help us to learn and grow. They help us to treat each other with respect and to learn from each other. There's more information on the website about our values: <a href="#">Hannah More Primary School - Vision and values</a>
Exploring our values	We worked in smaller groups to discuss what our values look like when they are working well in school. Below is what was said:
<p><b>Determination</b> – not giving up, always trying our best (including homework); being ready for the challenge (and punctual for school); finding solutions to problems; friendly competition; supporting each other; meeting new people and overcoming shyness; getting rewarded. Actions need consequences – these can be positive too.</p> <p><b>Openness</b> – Talking with each other; different cultures together; meeting and talking through problems; people knowing more about others; dealing with difficulties together; having parents' voice meetings; admitting when things are not going well; volunteering, getting involved, more positive feedback please.</p> <p><b>Respect</b> - politeness; politeness between parents; greetings on the gate and in school; appreciating people and telling them why we appreciate them; respecting the environment and our belongings; always treating each other as equals.</p> <p><b>Nurture</b> - helping each other; looking after each other; modelling good behaviour; communicating; understanding our differences; we're all the same; be yourself, don't pretend; mindfulness and dealing with problems calmly.</p> <p><b>Enjoyment</b> - spending time together e.g. the bonfire; fun things – dancing; seeing everyone having fun together; sharing food; children saying what they enjoyed from the day; friends; playing together (including parents!); community relationships built through shared activities.</p>	
Actions	<p>We agreed a few actions that would help straight away.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More positive feedback to parents – texts, postcards, feel-good messages</li> <li>• More community events including regular parents' voice meetings</li> <li>• Communication – keep up the communication from school and parents to make sure they keep up to date to</li> <li>• Collect the abandoned damp uniform around school! Tubs for lost belongings are already being used to help children keep track of their jumpers etc. at break-times! They're working well.</li> </ul>

Ali thanked parents for their constructive and positive contributions.

**Parents Voice will run again next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm on Zoom – we hope this will be useful for working parents and for those with pre-school children. The link and a QR code has been advertised in the newsletter and a text reminder will be sent too.**