

**LEESONS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Notes of the meeting of the Parent Council**  
**held on**  
**Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 6 PM**

**Present:**

Gordon Jamieson, Headteacher  
Gemma Dobbs, DHT  
Ben Leeves, (PCM)  
Esther Amire, (PCM)  
Sarah Lees, (PCM)

**In attendance:**

Secretary: Shraddha J Qureshi

**Apologies / Not Present :**

Samantha Buckland

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- The Head Teacher welcomed all the members.
- Attendance and Apologies - Apologies not received from Samantha Kelleher.

**2. Notes and Actions from last meeting**

- **DHT to look into the reading records getting signed regularly by the teachers.**
  - The school is exploring the introduction of an online system for logging students' reading records, as an alternative to the current physical reading record books.
  - A survey will be shared with parents shortly to gather their views and feedback.
- **More emphasis could be given on why there is a particular color/dress worn.**
  - It's been taken care of.
  - HT sought parent feedback on World Book Day dress-up; many pupils and several teachers participated.
  - Parents asked if the school could share photos of children. HT explained that due to past issues with consent of parents to not allow their child's photo on social media, all photos are now carefully filtered by teachers accordingly, before being shared on platforms such as Instagram.

**3. Headteacher Updates**

- **Marketing**
  - Mrs Dobbs has taken the initiative to market the school by posting everyday on Instagram and once a week on Tiktok. It's a business account.
  - Discussed with the parents on the importance of posting everyday for constant views and likes on the post.

- Recently tagged popular personalities like a football player for more reach.
- Parents advised sharing quick stories on Instagram in addition to the posts and time of posts to be 9pm for more reach and visibility.

- **September Intake**

- Reception class currently has 21 pupils out of a capacity of 30, resulting in a loss of income for the school.
- Positive news :- In the Parents' expression this Year, 20 families have chosen Leeson as the first choice (which was 11 last year), 10 as a second choice (which was 3 last year) and 30 as a third choice.
- These expressions and marketing on Social Media platforms gives a hope of more admissions going forward.

- **Traffic Updates**

- Transport Engagement Team from the office of Bromley Civic Centre wrote to Leeson on 21st January 2026 on '**Proposing road safety and pedestrian improvements on Leeson Hill, Orpington**' (Plan and the letter attached)
- The school has installed new CCTV cameras.

- **Pet Therapy**

- HT's dog which was meant to come to school for Pet Therapy got sick.
- Now the rabbits have been brought. Children are very happy.

- **Trips and enrichment**

- HT shared a list of all the Educational Visits and the Sports Events of all the year groups.
- Parents suggested some Musical trips like Orchestra could be added.
- Year 6 have already done their PGL trip early at a reduced cost, and going forward PGL will mainly be done in Year 5, with adjustments to timing to avoid SATs.
- HT has asked the teachers to get the year 7s together and plan a video and a Q&A to share with the parents.
- A hardship fund and wider community sponsorship approach were discussed.
- It was also suggested to explore local business sponsorship (e.g. Thomas Brown estate agents) as a potential fundraising opportunity, alongside existing community support ideas.

- **FOL (Friends of Leeson)**

- Discussion In the last meeting with them - In the Easter Egg hunt, they will not be paying for the mini eggs as they're choking risks. Instead they donated for the raffle.
- Wrestling event to take place in Leeson. Children are very excited.
- Summer fair is booked. This year there will be external stores included.
- Fireworks booked for 9th November on the playground. PTA won't run anything apart from guarding the gates (if they want) or selling glow bands etc.
- The entry charge for the event would be approx £5-6 a ticket.
- The fireworks with the music would cost around £4,500.
- The expected turnout is 2000 people.

- **RISE (Department of Education)**

- The Rise (DfE) support programme is underway, working with partner schools. -
- Visits, training, and targeted support across early years, Year 3-4, and Year 6 outcomes.
- This program is for pupils who are significantly below.
- Additional boost sessions for year 6 on a few days of the week.
- The revision study guides for year 6 have been introduced with the aim of 10 minutes of practice a day. 3 books costs £10.

- **Opportunities for Parents involvement and impact**

- DHT discussed about the Trustee visits every 1.5 terms in school and asked the parents if they would like to come and join and be informed about the latest updates of the school.
- DHT to put it on the Parent Council Dojo group before the next Trustee visit.
- DHT suggested, if any parents would like to come and assess the early morning work as few parents think children don't do anything.
- Sarah Lees agreed to come on a Wednesday morning after the Easter holiday.

#### **4. Queries/Concerns/Suggestions from the Parents**

**a) Insufficient updates while Year 6 was on trip -**

Parents want to have more information in writing regarding the children's status when they are out on trips rather than just the photos of them.

**HT** - Point noted. It will be taken care of going forward.

**b) Sarah Lees's Mother's Local Scout group -**

Sarah Lees shared that her Mother has a Local Scout group and has loads of tents. School to co-ordinate with her to plan for earlier trips of key stage 2.

**c) Events to be clubbed in one screen for all year groups -**

It gets difficult for parents with 2 or more children in the same school to see and track all the events of the children.

**DHT** - She will ask the teachers to create events on Dojo and club all the events of all the year groups in one screen.

#### **5. Next Steps and AOB (Any Other Business)**

- **Confirm date of next meeting**

10th June 2026 at 6pm.

#### **6. Actions agreed / Summary of the session**

- School to provide updates on online system establishment for reading records.
- Parents take part in early morning works and Trustee visits.
- School to co-ordinate with Sarah Lees for sleeping Tents..
- Events/Trips across the year groups to be clubbed in single screen in Dojo