



**High Lane Primary School  
Parents' Forum  
Autumn 2018**

| You told us   | What we did about it   |
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| Systems for payments to school could be improved  | Introduced ParentPay   |
| We need more notice of some upcoming dates  | Introduced calendar on the website that goes beyond one term   |
| We would like easier access to teachers and more support with what homework tasks have been set | Introduced ClassDojo   |
| Scooters and football in the playground in the morning is creating a hazard                     | Greater staff presence on the playground in the morning<br>Regular reminders via newsletters                   |
| The website is outdated   | New website has been launched  |
| Not all classes go on trips   | Arranged a whole class visit to panto<br><b>All</b> classes will do at least one out of school visit this year |
| Autumn Parents' Evening – 5 minute appointment isn't long enough                                | We increased the time slot to 10 minutes   |
| Homework tasks are inconsistent   | Redesigned the homework policy with clear guidelines for staff and parents                                     |
| The school buildings and grounds need improvement   | Interior painting, astro-turf, quad area development, development of school library                            |

# We have launched the new High Lane School website!



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## Parents

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## Parents' Forum

### What is the High Lane Parents' Forum?

Our Parent Forum is an opportunity for parents to have a say in key policies and decisions that affect the school community. Meetings are held termly and all are welcome to attend.

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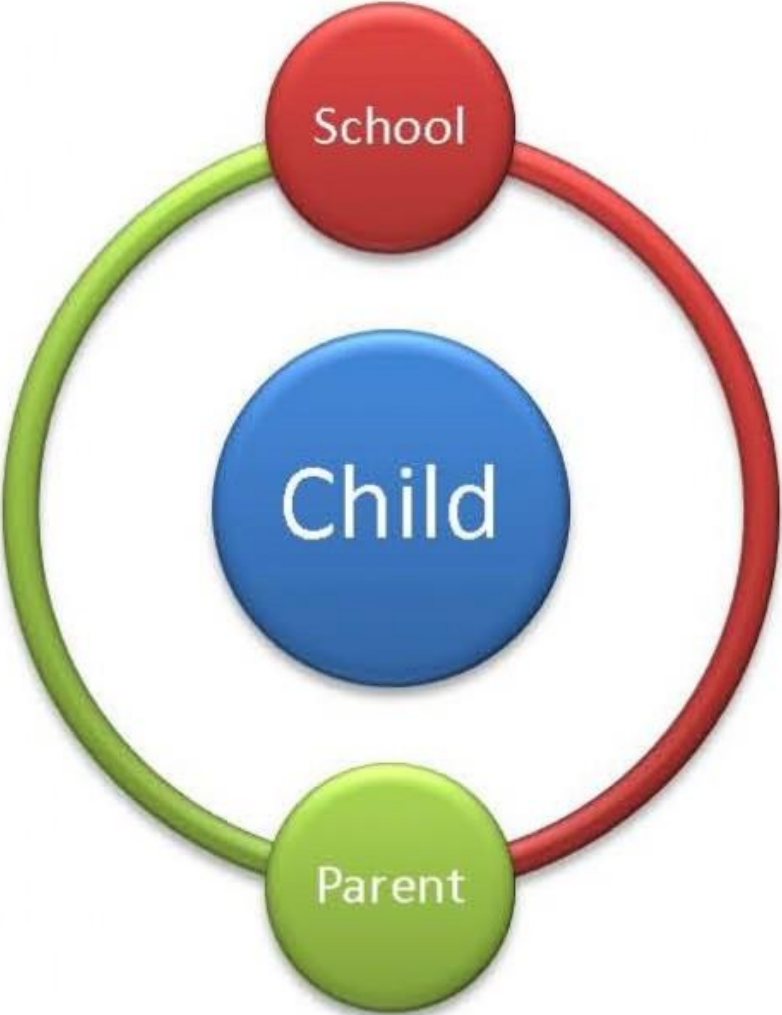
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# Parent feedback from the website

- Parents who attended agreed that the new website is a big improvement on the old one – very positive feedback from parents
- Calendar and blog are useful features

# Home/School Agreement

*What?*

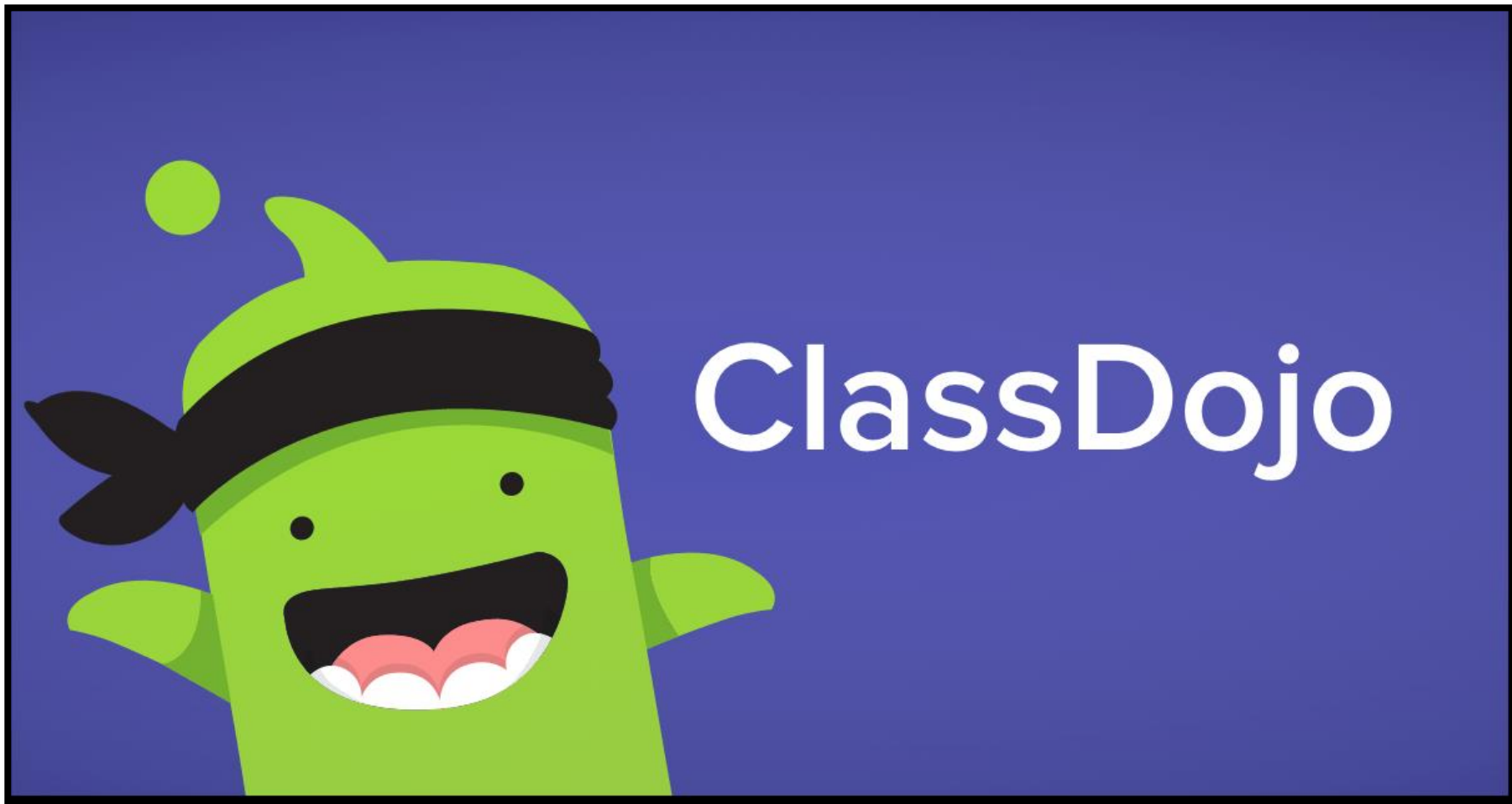


*Why?*

*Do we agree?*

# Parent feedback from the Home School Agreement

- Parents who attended agreed that the expectations in the document were fair and appropriate
- Request to clarify one statement in Homework parents' section
- Request to edit pupil statement, 'Ensure I take home any letters' to , 'Ensure I take home any letters and put letters from home in the red box'.
- Parents reported that children feel empowered by signing the Home School Agreement



What's working?

What could be improved in the way we use it?



# Parent feedback from ClassDojo

- Parents who attended reported that ClassDojo has been a very popular addition to our communication strategies. Information, guidance and photographs are useful to both working and non-working parents.
- Parents would benefit from further guidance as to which messages are private and which go to all.
- Summaries of homework sent out by one teacher were particularly helpful. Consider rolling this out across the school.
- Maths videos demonstrating methods in one class were particularly helpful. Is it possible to pin them to the top so that they can be easily accessed? Headteacher will look into this.



## What's included?

- Rationale behind why we set homework
- Clearer guidelines, for parents and staff, about homework expectations



Support for parents

What would be helpful, realistic and achievable?

HOMework

# Feedback on Homework policy and practices

- The new homework policy was shared. Parents who attended felt that the policy was a good framework for future practice
- Overall, parents who attended had few issues with homework
- The main issue was that tasks in some classes take well over the maximum recommended time advertised in the policy. It was agreed that further investigation of this is necessary.
- It was suggested that an electronic survey about homework is sent out to parents once the policy is fully embedded to monitor parents' opinions as to how it is working
- A parent asked about feedback and marking of homework and how and when feedback is given to pupils when peer marking is used. Headteacher feels that input to parents about this aspect would be useful in the future.

What should be on the agenda for the next Parent Forum ?



# Parent feedback

- How can we ensure working parents get enough opportunities to be involved in the life of the school?
- How does feedback and marking work in school?

# A.O.B – other items discussed

- School's response to medical incident with one pupil last week. Has school carried out a review? What information was given to pupils and the school community?
  - Review was carried out. All school procedures and LA guidelines were followed well. As a school, we were very pleased with how staff worked as a team achieving positive outcomes in challenging circumstances. Information given to children and parents was guided by data protection regulations and appropriateness of sharing information. Some children were worried by rumour and speculation. Staff limited this in school by instructing children not to discuss amongst themselves although parents felt that this prevented them from wanting to discuss their feelings at home too. School will look at how messages given to pupils can be made clearer in future.
- School Council
  - Suggestion to look at how we encourage a range of pupils to be represented on School Council. Staff will look at this for next year.
- Dinner Money
  - Request that half termly costs are advertised in the Newsletter as well as daily and termly. This will be incorporated into the Newsletters from the end of December.
- Online Surveys
  - Suggestion that online surveys could be used to increase response from parents. This will be considered for future surveys.