

Wednesday 7th October 2020

Parental Engagement

Dear families,

Thank you for your ongoing support and helpful feedback this half term. We welcome your suggestions on how to navigate this difficult time together.

The Senior Leadership and Federation Governors are very excited about this week, as all of our families will have the opportunity to help inform the decision making process by voting in the Federation Parent Governor elections. There are a total of ten candidates standing in the election process across the three schools, of which four are parents from Grazebrook. Please ensure that your vote is cast and your voice is heard in these elections by completing a ballot paper and returning it to the school no later than **Friday 9th October 2020 at 4.00pm**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the candidates for expressing their willingness to take up this responsibility by putting themselves forward as potential governors of the New Wave Federation.

Mrs Beecroft and I are eagerly looking forward to reinstating the **Parent Council** after the coming half-term break. We will be writing to you later this week to update you on our plans. We believe that it is vital there is a forum through which the senior leaders and Governors can consult with parents on whole school issues; as well as to ensure that the views and experience of parents are heard and utilised in our decision-making process. One of the Parent Council's first tasks will be to help with our new curriculum project, '**Untold Stories: Our Unique Heritage**.' It is essential that all our families are empowered to participate in our school community in order to best reflect the diversity of voices in the school.

May I also remind you that all families can participate in our **Parent Staff Association-Friends of Grazebrook** group. They will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Thurs 22nd October 2020 8.00-9.00pm** Via the following;

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84227984142?pwd=RHJUeUc0cXZSeFVCSXYORFhtcC9kQT09>
Meeting ID: 842 2798 4142
Passcode: 562728

At that meeting, as well as discussing funding priorities and fundraising ideas they will also be voting for the parent/carer group who will run the PSA over the next year. Parents/carers can put themselves forward to be part of this team and/or champion specific fundraising events - please see our website for more information www.grazebrookpsa.com.

I know you will continue to support the school as we find new ways to engage and support all of our families.

Kind regards,



Nicole Reid