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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Parent Consultations – Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October 2022**

Our first Parent Consultations of the academic year are due to take place next week. These meetings will be face to face. Please book your slot in the usual way via Arbor.

Meetings will take place on **Thursday 13th October from 3.30-6.50pm** and also from **8.30-10.50am on Friday 14th October**, please note that **Friday 14th is also an INSET day**.

Children are welcome to attend meetings but if you would prefer for your child not to be present, this is also fine.

The booking system for parent consultation slots will open at **8am on Wednesday 5th October (tomorrow) and will close on Wednesday 12th October at 12.00pm**. Once again, by using your Arbor log in details you will be able to book your consultation time online; this makes the process more efficient and also eliminates having to wait for confirmation of your appointment. We ask that when you book your appointment you leave 30 minutes between appointments for siblings. Appointments will be at 10 minute intervals this year but please do build in some time to look at your child's books before or after your appointment as these will be available for you to look at.

In response to a discussion at a Parent Forum meeting last term; we are keen to make parent consultation meetings as useful and productive as possible and aim for there to be a greater level of consistency across the school in terms of the information that is provided. The information provided at October and February consultations will differ slightly. At the October consultations you can expect information about:

- how your child has settled and their general wellbeing
- their behaviour in class and how they respond to adults
- social presentation - how well they socialise and work with their peers
- their general attitude to work, concentration levels, independence and resilience
- their current attendance
- progress in maths challenges
- engagement with home reading
- strengths and areas for development in English and maths, this will include phonics and/or reading

Our new caterers - Harrisons, will be showcasing some of their food and their menus so that parents and carers can get an idea of what our new catering offer is like. On Thursday a member of Harrison's catering team and our chef will be in the KS2 hall offering a range of hot and cold food for parents to sample. On Friday morning there will be some samples of food, menus and information available.

Whilst you are visiting the school, please have a look at our art gallery (located in the KS2 building opposite Year 5) where our artwork to commemorate the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II is displayed.



We hope to see all of you on either Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> or Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, however if you cannot make these dates, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. So that we can work effectively in partnership with you, it is an expectation that an appointment is made to see your child's class teacher this term.

Finally, if you have any questions or issues with using the online system please contact me through the office or via email at [h.freeman@bigginhillps.com](mailto:h.freeman@bigginhillps.com).

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



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