

# Parent Forum Meeting Minutes 21st June 2019

Present: Mrs Wilde, Mrs Dube (Yr1), Mrs Carr (Foundation), Mrs Acheson (Yr 5), Mrs Shenton (Yr 6) Mrs Trew (Yr4), Mrs Mole (Yr3)

Apologies: Mrs Dymott (Yr 2)

## 1. Junior Clubs

Concern was raised regarding a rush to sign up, over-subscribed clubs, children not confident and therefore avoiding lining up. However having prior knowledge of clubs is much better.

NW: Termly I go out and all children have every opportunity to sign up with me. Understood that some clubs are oversubscribed eg. Cooking, therefore children who haven't previously attended are prioritised. Parents should be aware that it is possible to email the school afterwards for names to be added. In September Year 3 will be a priority (Due to the change of sites and to build confidence) and I will go into their class to request sign ups.

## 2. Sports Day

Do we know timings?

NW: Yes, the children will all be dropped off in the morning at the Dinton Site, including the bus drop off. They will stay there all day, parents are invited from 130pm - 330pm. I will discuss colour sashes with Mrs Brogan. Yr 6 parents have suggested paying for the sashes as a leaving gift.

## 3. Children for sport competitions

Parents across all years questioning how children are picked and is a log kept of who hasn't been?

NW: A record is kept year on year. Children are picked based on this record, similar to school councillors, so we do try to be fair. We will investigate the recent event that's been cancelled as to not let those children down.

## 4. Twitter

Confusion raised regarding what can be shared.

NW: We are changing the acceptance form for all parents to sign that pictures can't be shared. Only those responsible for the school Twitter feed have permission to share. No one else has permission to share. Safeguarding is controlled by those responsible for Twitter not the parents reading it. In September ALL parents will have to sign whether they have Twitter or not to agree to not sharing photos. We will reconsider using Twitter if it cannot be used properly.

## 5. School Communication

Parents have raised concerns regarding general emails sent out that don't specifically state which class they are in reference to eg. Coat hangers for Whizz fest and other examples. Some are also sent quite late on in the day. A parent suggested flagging emails of different levels of urgency in different colours.

NW: All emails are normally pre approved by KP or NW and this will be ensured going forward. Different colours can cause confusion and at the end of the day all emails will become urgent over time if left. We will try to ensure they are more specific going forward.

## **6. Water bottles**

Parents raised the question whether it is possible to use bio-degradable water bottles in school.

NW: Miss Hastings has found a company that can provide these for September for the new intake. It is being reviewed.

## **7. Swimming Lessons**

Parents have requested feedback regarding these and children's progress.

NW: This feedback will be provided in the end of year report. The aim is for all children to be able to achieve their 25m certificate before they leave. If this isn't achieved by the end of Yr 3 they will return to lessons in the summer term. It's appreciated that some children have never had lessons before and so that support is provided to ensure they reach a good level. That support will continue throughout school if necessary. We provide 2 groups of 5 children for extra lessons and support.

## **8. Website Food menus**

Is it possible to make the menus easier to find on the website?

NW: Stuart Miller is the website host and all information is passed to him. Appreciate it can sometimes be hard to find however all information is there. Nothing has changed regarding hot dinners and the quality.

## **9. Infant Playground**

NW: Information regarding the recent accidents will be shared in today's newsletter. It is unfortunate that recently separate accidents have all happened in different parts of the playground, 2 out of school hours. We have reviewed any risk and don't feel there is a risk, safety is the priority and if there was a pattern or a history in particular area action will be taken however there isn't.

## **10. Teaching of reading**

A parent has questioned the use of "books without words:" in Foundation.

NW: Mrs Harvey has a meeting with parents to explain this method at the beginning of term. Both Mrs Harvey and Mrs Price have reiterated that all capabilities are reviewed and the children are individually assessed and given levels in line with their needs.

### **11. My Maths**

A parent has noted that only homework can be done on the iPad not the practice sessions. A couple of parents also requested further Maths and English parent teacher meetings would be appreciated.

NW: Both can still be done on a computer. Remember it's important to press "checkout" to save the results. Further meets will be discussed.

### **12. PE Kit**

Parents have shown concern that if a child forgets their PE kit they are told to use another child's one which seems unfair on the child who has remembered theirs.

NW: We have decided to provide a "school PE kit" without shoes to be used when necessary. We appreciate we can't penalise one child for remembering theirs.

### **13. School Gateway**

Is there a way for it to keep a record of what we have paid for?

NW: If you go the "payment history" on the website it will show you. It just doesn't show up on mobile phones.

### **14. Narrow Road in Dinton**

Is it possible to introduce a Priority sign to the narrow road towards the church to avoid problems?

NW: This is a Parish Council issue and has been raised with them previously within the village.

### **15. Year 5/6 Play**

Concerns have been raised for children taking part in this just singing are spending large periods of time waiting around during rehearsals when they feel time would be better spent elsewhere.

NW: They need to be there as songs that they are taking part in are being practiced. The wait really isn't that long.

### **16. Uniform**

The results of the Survey Monkey clearly show that parents priority when buying uniform is quality over price. Mrs Dymott researched Bucks Uniform Shop in Aylesbury and as a result they are taking the contract on from Print Lab. Print Lab have been put on 6 months notice. The new

shop will be online from 15th July, they are open Saturdays and can deliver, they also price matched Print Lab and may even be available sooner.

The logo has slightly been altered to allow the name of the school to be written in a full circle around the logo to neaten it up.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Friday 4th October 2pm.**

It was noted that it was a good experience for parent forum reps to be part of the Friday Celebration Assembly and maybe it was possible to extend this to class parents in the future.