



## Parent Council Minutes – 25th April 2025

Welcome and thank you for attending.

Agenda passed around for parents.

Meeting chaired by Mrs Malhotra and commenced by Mrs Dutch.

### **OPAL PLAY**

Mrs Dutch firstly explained that OPAL play stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, not to be confused with our OPAL class in Reception.

OPAL play has been introduced in our school for sometime but is now being focused on as we would like Loose Primary School to be known as OPAL school. The children are playing in a Mud Kitchen, making use of our tyres in the playground/field, using the oversized building blocks and skipping ropes. The new shed is being used for games and oversized beanbags are now being used for sitting on. The new ideas for play/lunchtime have engaged the children and they are finding the activities more interesting to do. Football is still available but some children are preferring to use other items aswell. Mrs Malhotra and Mrs Dutch are shortly going to visit other OPAL play schools to see what they use and to promote further ideas for our school.

We are looking for donations for Water Play, e.g. pipes, tubing, funnels, jugs etc; please bring in to reception.

### **HOME LEARNING**

Mrs Malhotra raised the question of home learning to the parents attending. What works for the children and for them to find out what other parents would like to receive for home learning going forward. The question is primarily for ideas to start in September 2025 but for some ideas to work now too.

Parents mentioned the use of Book marks to be signed. It seems that parents have lost incentive to sign them confirming that children have read the book. Some parents do not do them and others still have them to sign. Does not appear to be consistency regarding this. Year 5 need more encouragement to use Spelling Shed. Also could there be projects offered for years as a possibility.

Some parents still like TT Rockstars for Maths and comment how their children like to have the competition element of being faster than their classmates.

Any ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

## **REWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Are our children celebrated enough?

Parents are still finding the phrasing behind our rewards and celebrations somewhat confusing. Mrs Malhotra ran through these with the council but still felt that the explanation could possibly be reinforced in the last Newsletters when issued.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.15pm refreshments in the Staff Room, to commence at 2.30pm.