



Parent Council Minutes – 03/02/2023

Welcome and thank you for attending. Agenda passed around for parents to see.

Mrs Holman firstly agreed with the parents that there were no matters to discuss from the last meeting in December so opened the table for any feedback from class representatives.

Homework Club – a question was raised to increase the numbers for Homework club pupils. Unfortunately it was explained that the club could be bigger but then an additional member of staff would need to be paid for and then the fee of £3.00 would need to be doubled. At the moment it offers a good facility until 4.20pm as it remains at the maximum limit of 16 spaces.

School dinner sizes were questioned. It was explained that Contract Dining have strict portion sizes for the children to ensure they are offering the children a daily nutritional diet and value for money over the week. Seconds are only offered to the last year in the hall to ensure all children have received their lunch. Unfortunately the set meal cannot be changed over the week as the above must be met.

Football boots are expensive but Mrs Holman explained that we regularly receive donations from parents which are placed in the PE cupboard for use and a class parent group have come up with a good idea on how they advise each other when a swap method can be utilised. This would be good to be promoted over the school with each parent group.

School gates were also mentioned. Gates are open from 8.40am until 9am and 3.10pm to 3.30pm. Nobody should be entering or leaving via the front of school gates at the main entrance but to use Waldron drive, Lancet Lane or years 4/6 gates.

We were pleased to confirm that we have not received any complaints from parents regarding making their parents evening bookings.

Year 6 photographs to also include siblings? Sorry but no as we have too many siblings within school to be able to facilitate this and we only have a small window of opportunity to take the photographs on the morning.

Swimming Pool update – We managed to secure an instructor at the moment for year 3 swimming in school time. Unfortunately an instructor for year 2 has still not yet been secured as we only have a Monday available in the hall which is not what the instructor wanted. It was noted that a parent mentioned that some schools only offer a term for swimming and not over an academic year.

At this point, Miss Whitlock was introduced to the group to introduce Maths related subjects and topics currently being used in our classrooms.

Parent council update:

Mastering number

Across Reception and KS1, we have implemented a new and exciting Mastering Number maths project.

This project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2.

The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number.

Mastering Number is a new programme offered to schools in 2021/22 by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM). It aims to develop solid number sense, including fluency and flexibility with number facts, which will have a lasting impact on future learning for all children.

The project is delivered by our teachers who deliver a daily session of 10 to 15 minutes in addition to their daily maths lesson.

Central to the programme is a small, abacus-like piece of equipment called a rekenrek, which is provided to the school to use.

Parent information workshops to be held from Term 4 onwards.

Term 4

Mastering number Year R

Mastering Number Year 1

Mastering Number Year 2

MTC and times tables with Mrs Weston

Future sessions suggested

All to explore how we teach 4 main operations - + x and ÷

Supporting with calculation KS1

Supporting with calculation Years 3 and 4

Supporting with calculation Years 5 and 6.

Any other wants? Sessions that would be beneficial?

It was mentioned that a visit from our Art teacher may be possible in our next meeting in March 2023.

The meeting was brought to a close at 3.20pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday 17th March 2023.