



## Parent Council Minutes – 08/7/2022

Welcome and thank you for attending the last meeting of the academic year. Mrs Holman thanked the current council members that had attended and asked the current representatives for their thoughts on ideas or advice to be suggested for the next members that would be looking to represent the classes from September.

The main subject was the time that is spent on each subject. It was suggested that 15 minutes was a good amount of time in order that the meeting is finished by end of school to collect children. It was stressed that matters raised need to be regarding important subjects and not specific pupil queries that should be addressed directly with class teachers. The emphasis on using contact books was raised again and advised that this was the easiest form of communication.

Workshops – the best way forward to be accessible to more parents was via recording videos which may be a future option as unfortunately sometimes parents are not in a position to attend workshops in school hours or after school due to family/work commitments.

### **School Improvement**

The school are continuing to develop a rich curriculum and this was verified during the Ofsted visit earlier this year. A continued focus on early reading is in place and a lot of school funds have ensured investment in new books for teaching reading, classrooms and libraries.

Instructional coaching will be a method used to develop pedagogy and practice whereby teachers pair up and challenging each other on techniques. Valuable feedback is then passed between teachers for their own continued development and improvement.

### **Feedback from parents**

Y6 photographs that were taken recently - On the whole there were some lovely group pictures, however, there were some children looking the other way so Mrs Monksfield will discuss with Fizz Photography for improvements to be made going forward. On the Year 6 Leavers last day, parents will be invited to take pictures of their own children's friendship groups and classes if they would like these as a keepsake. The Year 6 Leavers book will also show some lovely more natural pictures which will add to the memories.

### **Other subjects**

**Food allergy** query – who to talk to? If a parent needs to discuss their children's food requirements at dinner time then please could they address any issues firstly with the class teacher. The kitchen are always made aware of any allergies to be aware of and the school office also need to be made aware.

**KS1 sport/activity clubs** – Space due to large numbers of clubs on offer is an issue but if any parent is interested in offering this then please contact the office in the new term.

Complaints had been raised regarding the **Lancet Lane exit** and how quickly it can be blocked and how busy it is. Parents are finding that where parents are chatting, consideration is required for others trying to enter or exit the school site.

**Sports Day** Feedback on the whole was very good. Some parents did say that an ice cream van or tea/coffee facilities would have been nice but Mrs Holman did comment that this is hard for the PTA to arrange as members or other parents would need to volunteer to run the stands and they want to see their children! We would not want to encourage an ice cream van (the PTA give ice lollies at the end) as children would want to eat them whilst / before racing. Any such arrangements would also be weather dependent.

A query was also raised for new children to be able to start earlier for **Year R** in September rather than await the two weeks settling in process. Mrs Holman stated that having the two weeks has always been suggested by the school as a preferred settling in way but any child can start earlier if necessary and to contact the school office. This was explained in the letter new parents received so please do let us know if you want to discuss alternatives to the part time arrangements in place.

Finally, Mrs Holman thanked the current parent council members and said goodbye to those members whose children are leaving the school. If any of the members still wish to carry on next year, it would be lovely to see them back.

Many thanks and see you next year!