



Parent Council Minutes – 8th December 2023

Welcome and thank you for attending. Meeting chaired by Sean Johnson and apologies from Trevor North who is absent.

Mr Johnson commenced the meeting by going through the Ethics of Excellence criteria which is the change from using up and down the ladder in classrooms.

The children have all had their pictures taken and placed in a frame in their classroom and when they demonstrate behaviour in line with the school values, Determination, Respect, Pride, Compassion and Trust, they get rewarded with a token representing that value to stick on their picture frame. These are reset on a Monday each week. An E for Excellence token is awarded if a child has behaved above and beyond an expectation. This can be rewarded from behaviour over the week or for one event. Consequences still exist but explained individually and not in front of the class which can lead to public humiliation.

Stickers are shown in their learning journals for parents to see.

Bronze, Silver and Gold prizes are awarded dependent upon how many stickers are obtained. The ultimate award is time spent with Mr North.

Parents agreed that a video posted on the school website would be a good idea if Mr Hogwood and his School Council could arrange this. Letters would also be welcome if they can be displayed on the sticker so that the parents and children know what they are for. It would be nice if the award being given to the child could be explained at an age friendly way so that they understand why they have received the reward.

Parents requested consistency from teachers with the way they praise as some teachers do not do this at all and others have their own way, e.g. Excellence of the Week Certificate or a class prize.

Moving on, a parent felt that a new system called Publa would be a good way of communicating with parents. This system also posts on to Facebook and Twitter etc at the same time. More details to be investigated to see if viable for the school to use. Parents are missing our postings on Twitter which was in abundance with the previous Head.

Parents raised the point of the school needing to use a lot of Supply Teachers due to illness. Mr Johnson explained that we are looking to recruit an inhouse supply teacher to cover when required in the new year.

Parents were reminded that if any parent needed to see a teacher outside of parents' evenings and school reports, please email the school office, office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk with any request.

Last few points raised:

Too many non-uniform days. Can cause issues with the children if they do not arrive in school dressed accordingly.

Mr Johnson said he would look in to the matter of girls and boys changing in the same rooms, can this be changed?

Please could reading books be changed more often.

Meeting finished at 3.15pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday 2nd February 2024, Staff room at 2.30pm with refreshments from 2.15pm