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Parents Forum - Friday 19 June 2009

Attendees:

Mrs Whittington
Mrs Williams
Carolyn McCall (Sycamore)
Michelle Livett (Elm)
Anya MacFarlane (Oak)
Vanessa Marston (Beech)
Nicky Moss (Juniper)
Emily Wright (Cedar)
Mary Nash (Ash)
Gillian Bowers (Cherry)

Apologies:

Cathy Barlow (Willow)
Joy Small (Sequoia)
Viv McMillan
Iwona Batterberry (Pine)
Sabine Bolier (Hawthorn)

Minutes

1. KS1 & KS2 Sports Day success

Many compliments were passed on from parents for sports day. Parents thought these were fabulous all round. The school hopes to have a house cup trophy organized for next year. Teachers will also look into having a few spare house colour T-shirts for the few children who struggled to get a coloured t-shirt on the day. Parents also preferred the grouping of classes within house groups in KS2, to the mixing of ages in KS1. This will be taken into consideration for next year.

2. Year 1 homework

Queries have been raised around a disparity in homework between the Yr 1 classes. Be assured that Mrs Whittington will be looking into this.

3. School Uniform changes

The only changes to note for next year are as follows:

Navy PE shorts will be encouraged in preference to white (although it is fine to still use white for the time being). It was felt navy are more practical from a washing point of view and match the school badge. Black shorts are not allowed.

Grey skorts (cross between shorts and skirt) are acceptable for girls.

4. Congestion on arrival and collection

A reminder to parents to keep the path clear at school arrival and collection. Please stand back and allow a clear exit for parents, kids and prams. There has been a lot of congestion with parents chatting right on the path. Please use the newly paved areas created to stand back.

5. Yr 6 and KS1

Some parents have been concerned that KS1 are being supervised by Yr 6 at lunch time. This is not the case. All lunch times are supervised by adult helpers and staff. Yr 6 are encouraged to help KS1 and to chat with them at lunch and both age groups enjoy this social interaction.

6. No younger siblings at class assemblies

A reminder that class assemblies are for parents only. The school does not encourage younger babies and siblings to attend simply because this assembly is for the class to present to their parents and any distraction can be disconcerting to the children presenting and parents listening.

7. Playground congestion

Parents are concerned that there is congestion when KS1 go to the playground and KS2 are coming in at lunch times. This is a busy time but there is a system in place which means KS2 exit via a different set of stairs.

8. Yr 4 class mixing

Some parents have requested to see the list of friends their children select when the classes are mixed up prior to Yr 5. However, it was agreed at the forum that children must be allowed to choose friends. Teachers do observe who plays with each other and will ensure everybody is with someone they get on with.

9. Driveway and parking changes

Plans on improving the school parking or funding a fence around this area are still under discussion. Plans are afoot to open a gate to the playing fields for **pedestrian access only**. This will only be closed after 8:40 am and then opened again 3:00pm exit.

10. Reception Post

If you have any post, cheques or forms to drop off quickly to reception you will now be able to drop this in the post box inside the waiting area which is also used for 'suggestions'.

Date of Next Meeting:: Friday 25 Sep 2009