

Parents' Forum

Friday, June 25th 2010

Attendees:

Mrs Whittington, Mr Freeman, Emily Wright (Willow), Jane Crouch (Oak), Carolyn McCall (Pine), Emma Thompson (Elm), Amanda Lawrence (Hawthorn), Tracy Lowden (Cherry), Kelly Clare (Ash), Mary Nash (Sequoia), Heather Smith (Cedar), Gillian Bowers (Chestnut)

Apologies: Vanessa Marston (Sycamore), Nicky Hart (Holly), Michelle Livett (Beech), Elaine Prodger (Hawthorn),

1. Changing for P.E.

With immediate effect, and continuing from September, boys and girls in Year 4 will get changed for P.E. and games in separate classrooms, as is already the practice in Years 5 and 6.

2. Sports Day.

General feedback from parents has been positive. It has been agreed that a First Aid area will be on the field for future Sports Days, manned by designated First Aiders. This will also ensure that all children's inhalers are readily available during Sports Day.

Although time is spent in games lessons prior to Sports Day practising all of the events, we will start earlier in order to give the children experience particularly of running in the longer races and would also enable teachers to identify which children to compete in each event.

3. P.E. kit.

In order to reduce the amount of kit which ends up in Lost Property, it was suggested that the P.E. t-shirt could be labelled with the child's surname on the outside (as is common at secondary schools). Tracey Lowden will bring in an example, and this will be looked into.

4. Uniform.

Some girls are wearing shorts to school under their skirts – it was agreed that skirts, culottes and shorts of a suitable uniform length in the same grey as current skirts/trousers are permissible. This will be mentioned in the newsletter, and in the prospectus.

5. Year 6 assessment.

Attainment in Year 6 has previously been measured by both the SATs result and a teacher assessment result. This year the teacher assessment result will be used, and passed on to the child's next school as before. As yet it is not known whether next year's Year 6 will sit the SATs.

6. Year 6 homework.

It was discussed whether more emphasis should be placed on the children organizing their workload, and being accountable for its completion in preparation for secondary school. It was felt that the homework diary plays an important role in this process, and Mrs Whittington agreed to discuss this with Year 6 teachers.

7. Football team success.

It was felt by a parent that the Year 5 football team's recent success had been overlooked. It was pointed out that the team had been congratulated in the full-school assembly and in the newsletter, as all school teams are.

8. Picking up from school.

It was asked whether parents who are late collecting their children from school could be fined, as is the case in some other schools. This is only permitted in schools not under local authority control, so was ruled out.

9. Thank you to reps.

Mrs Whittington felt that the parent forum meetings were very valuable and thanked the outgoing reps for their help this year.

Next Meeting:

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