

Today's meeting – Agenda

1. Clearing Lunchboxes

Parent raised concerns about uneaten food being returned home at the end of the school day. E.g. half eaten sandwiches left in lunchboxes.

HT explained that he often finds lunchboxes with half eaten food in them.

HT explained that the current ruling was in place as some parents wanted to know what was left in lunchboxes so they can see how much their child was eating.

- ✓ HT will revert to the old rule of showing dinner ladies the content and then binning the perishable items.
- ✓ Individuals with specific reasons to check on eating habits can still be monitored.
- ✓ Signs will be displayed to remind pupils to clear perishable items from bags.

2. Sanitary Bins KS2

Parent raised concerns that the only sanitary bin available for KS2 pupils was in the staff toilets. Parents said that it is traumatic enough for a children who starts their period with it being even more obvious by having to use the staff toilets.

- ✓ HT has asked Business manager to contact a company that deals with the removal and installation of sanitary bins.
- ✓ HT has asked Business manager to purchase and make arrangements for this to done.

3. Gate locking times & Outside clock

Parent raised concerns about the variation in times when the gate was shut in the morning. The parent asked if there could be some way of ensuring that the time is closed at exactly the same time every day as some days the gate is closed just after 9:00am and sometimes before.

- ✓ HT will look in to buying an outdoor digital clock (set in line with the official time) in the playground which can be seen by staff and

parents. This can also be used to ensure that playtimes and lunchtimes are the correct length.

4. Nits

HT reiterated the message in the newsletter about Nit and how the school is helping out parents of children who are repeatedly having outbreaks. HT discussed guidance from NUT teaching union whose advice the school is following. He explained that he understands the frustrations but the school is working with families and he cannot say anymore for confidentiality reasons.

5. School Report Layout

HT shared a proposed layout for the school report. He explained that he would rather the report contain less information and sound/read more person that having endless boxes about the things the children have been learning this year – which the parents know as this information has gone out on curriculum maps.

Parents agreed with the changes.

✓ HT to share information with the staff

6. London Trip

HT reported the London trip was a huge success and that the school plan to continue this trip in to year 6. He also explained that it would be slightly more expensive and this year was a trial run and it was difficult to judge the costs.

7. Transition Plans from June onwards

HT reported that the transition policy from last year would be used again this year. It includes:

- All children starting new books from May onwards (which will be taken in to their new class)
- Year 5 will go to Mrs Matthews for their literacy lessons from May half term onwards (as Year 6 SATS will be over)
- Reception will have gradually increasing transition days
- Year R>1 will have some additional transition days
- The children will find out their new teacher on the 13th July and then spend the whole morning with them. On the 15th July, pupils will then spend the entire day with their new class teachers.

8. Dinner hall tables, KS1 additional doors, computers in the classroom NEW ICT technician

- New tables purchased for dinner hall (foldable with built in chairs) ... easier to set up and less dangerous than the heavy wooden ones.
- KS1 doors to be built over the summer holidays allowing KS1 to have access to outside space as well as afterschool club
- New computers in classrooms and new ICT technician so ICT facilities should be improving

9. Data dashboard

- Data dashboard positive. Puts the school in the top 20% of schools in the country for most areas. This year should be positive but each child is worth a higher % as there is smaller numbers in the year group.

✓ HT to write a letter to the parents to explain

10. A.O.B

Summer Fete

Due to the small number of people offering to help, the parents and the school decide to cancel the summer fete. It is a tremendous amount of work and every time is rests of the same group of parents to run the stalls; with very few offers of help it will be difficult to run the summer fete.

It is hoped in future years, having made an example of this year parents will offer to help in order to get the event going.

The School Association will run smaller lower key events after school which will require less planning, less man power and should raise more money.

Next Parent Forum Meeting: Friday 26th June 14:30 – 15:30