

Parents Forum Meeting Thursday 24th September 2015, 2.15pm

Issues arising from previous meeting

Mr Crumpler has had a meeting with the lunchtime supervisors. They have been given a different first aid form and new bump stickers to give out to children with injuries. A note should go home to parents of children who have more than just a graze or a small injury. A parent said the situation with dinner ladies grouping together has been a bit better recently but the children haven't been on the field.

The recent book donation went very well with over 100 books received.

The governors suggestion box is now the parents box and Mr Crumpler will announce this in a newsletter. Sports Day – certificates were done. The staff have talked about doing competitions throughout the school in coloured teams. When Mr Crumpler gives out Headteacher awards, he will note which colour teams the children are in. Reception Class can be put into teams now.

Swimming

Some Reception parents wondered why all children don't go swimming every year, as there is a long gap between Reception and Year 3. Mr Crumpler said that swimming is not part of the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1 and that Wyke is unusual in that most schools only do it at Key Stage 2. Mr Crumpler said he will discuss the possibility of different classes going swimming at a staff meeting, although he was keen that Year 6 do not take part as it would entail too much time out of the classroom. Although there are other local pools, Mr Crumpler feels it is important to support Riversmeet as it is our local leisure centre. One parent said that it has helped her Reception child's confidence by going swimming with the school.

Friendship Bench

A parent suggested a friendship bench, where children can sit if they have no-one to play with. Other children will then know they are lonely and include them. Mr Crumpler said that the school has done this previously through the school council, so they could supervise this. We could apply to Asda for the green token scheme to fund the bench.

Drama Club

A parent asked if there is a drama club. Mr Crumpler said that he usually runs one in the summer term.

Clubs

Parents said that there aren't many clubs for Key Stage 1. Mr Crumpler said that parents have been asked before to be involved in helping with clubs to enable more activities but there was very little take up. Energy club will be running again. Various ideas were discussed to publicise the Parents Forum meeting. The meeting minutes are on the school website, and date of the minutes are always on newsletters.

Friends Association

Mr Crumpler said the Parents Forum was partly set up to encourage parents to join the Friends Association. Trudy asked to put the word out for volunteers to help with the Trotters Run on 1st November. This involves arriving at school at 7am and cooking ~200 bacon butties and serving drinks and other refreshments for runners. Other Friends events are the Tabletop/Car Boot Sale on 17/10/15 and Winter Bingo on 13/11/15.

Topic for discussion at next meeting

Homework and after-school clubs.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th November, 2.15pm

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