

# Parents Forum Meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

## 1. Issues arising from previous meeting

**Car parking** – a reminder was put in the March newsletter about parking in the car park and not blocking access to the disabled parking spaces or the main gate.

**Year 4 Parent's Evening** – has now taken place.

**Website** – some classes are better at putting photos on the website than others. Staff have been reminded to add photos and information on what they have been doing.

**Clubs for KS1 children** – it was brought up that there aren't many clubs for KS1 children. New clubs have been added since and a plea will be put out to parents to see if they want to run any clubs.

**Parent's Forum** – need to encourage more parents to join the Forum. A few new parents have joined since last time but it would also be good to have some Dads joining.

**Office Tray** – a parent suggested it would be a good idea to put a tray by the office for putting slips in (e.g. school dinners, outing consent forms etc.) so they don't have to queue. This has not been done yet but it was agreed it was a good idea.

## 2. Friends Association

There are not many members left in the Friends Association and they are looking for new people to bring fresh ideas and help with events. If anyone is interested in joining please ask at reception.

We talked of ideas for new events for the Friends to hold, such as sponsored events or letting each class decide on an event that they could organise themselves.

## 3. Induction for new Reception pupils and parents

The school was wondering whether to change the format of the induction evening for new parents. Everyone thought it was fine as it was, though it could be a good idea to have some current parents there to talk to new parents and possibly some representatives from the Friends to tell them about it and try to recruit new members. Any ideas for other changes in format are most welcome.

## 4. Parental questions/ concerns

**School being used for voting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – parents had asked if extra security measures would be put in place when the school was used for voting in the

general election. Mr Crumpler explained that the back gate would be kept locked all day and there would be no access to the school from the studio. Staff would also be extra vigilant and he would send a letter home explaining this.

**Wall by Reception class** – parents had been concerned that this wall was easy for children to get over and also for people to get in. Mr Crumpler explained that they had looked into the cost of railings in the past but they were very expensive. Other ideas such as a trellis or other types of fencing were discussed and the cost of these will be investigated.

**Padding on posts** – it was brought up that a few accidents have happened where children had banged into the posts around the school which didn't have padding on. Buying more pads for the posts will be looked into further.

**Cups in Reception class** – a parent had said that the cups in Wrens class were quite old and dirty. New cups will be purchased.

**Selection of books** – it was mentioned that some of the older classes have quite a limited selection of books and some are getting dated. The school's budget is very limited this year but it was suggested that parents could donate books that their children no longer use.

**Lunchtime Supervisors** – one parent expressed concerns that the dinner ladies at lunchtime did not spread out on the school field. Mr Crumpler explained that this may be partly due to some of them being one-to-one for a particular child but he will also speak to them about this.

## **5. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting has been set for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm. Please let your class representative know of anything you would like brought up at this meeting.

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