

Parents Forum Meeting – Friday 8th June 2018

Present:- Zoe Cahalan, Clare Griffin, Rachael Richardson, Jo Aldridge, Frances Tarplee, Stacey Drakeford, Victoria Withington

Apologises: None

Clerk: Claire Porter

Matters Arising

Health & Safety of children at Sports Day – Parents agreed the corded off area was much better and ZC agreed to look into the cost of buying our own for next year.

Agenda

Water in Classrooms

Parents thought that there may be a lack of access to water in KS1 as children were coming home with nearly full water bottles and telling parents they had not been refilled during the day. ZC advised that there are natural times of the day when children have access to their water bottles and the opportunity to refill. ZC to ask children what each class does as far as drinks breaks and how often they are encouraged to drink, also look into possibility of water bottles being available outside at playtimes and lunch breaks.

Social Media

Parents brought up the issue of staff being friend and following parents on social media. This is against staff code of conduct and all staff have been reminded of this two weeks ago and by now should have removed all social media parent contacts. Please can we remind parents not to ask staff to be friends/follow on Instagram as sometimes staff find it hard or embarrassing to decline the request.

School Meals

Parents advised that children did not like quite a bit on the menus and when they did have a hot dinner they were coming home hungry and not eating much. ZC has been observing and noticed that children seem to eat more salad than vegetables. CP to ask Chartwells to do spot visits due to the amount of waste children are throwing away and look for a way forward. ZC to speak to school council and ask for feedback. Healthy lunchboxes is to be mentioned on the bulletin again as sweets and chocolate are not allowed.

School Crossing Patrol

From the end of this academic year there will be no funding from Staffordshire County Council for School Crossing Patrols. Schools have been requested to try and find local funding/donations of £4000 per year to maintain individual crossings. Headteachers of all the village schools are going to develop a plan to look at the way forward.

Any Other Business

Morning Drop Off

ZC advised that we are looking to widen the pedestrian access and have new gates and fencing on the bottom entrance. After the morning trial and consultation it was decided to move back to the front entrance but after the ground improvements another trial will be carried out. ZC requests again that children are kept with you in the morning and not allowed to run around and play on the slope.

Children being kept in

Parents don't feel like pupils should be kept in at break times. ZC advised that this is only if they have worked at a slower pace than normal pace.

Sports Clubs for KS1

Request for more after school sport clubs for KS1.