

Present

Kathy Nichol, Mark Branskey, Jo Lawson, Natalie Lane, Stephanie Dean, David Donnelly, David Manson.

Agenda Items

- Mr Branskey went through the minutes from the last meeting – Mrs Dean to book a time with nursery to discuss possible ideas for the future.
- Car parking is causing some issues at the minute, however in the short term there is no point in trying to make changes as parts of the parking area will be out of action due to building work taking place on the school.
- A new Road Safety group from Year 6 will develop new posters and possibly a new slogan to warn drivers. The school is still trying to encourage the local council to re-paint the double yellow lines outside school.
- Some parents do stop on the road to drop off children, which does block the access and causes a danger for children getting to school. Mrs Nichol will put another reminder on PAWS.

Behaviour/Rewards

- It was suggested that new parents to Year 1 would like to know how behaviour marks, top cats and praise marks work as this is a change to Reception. This will be included in next year's transition meeting. An explanation of the schools behaviour system could also possibly be sent out to all parents at the start of each new academic year.
- Behaviour marks in KS2 – it was thought that there needs to be a consistent approach as to how behaviour marks are given out. It was said that some children who have never got a behaviour mark in one class had got one for something they believed was not their fault. It was agreed by Mrs Nichol that a consistent approach was needed and that the school would be looking at this more on the school's Inset day. It was however also mentioned that children did need to be resilient and approach the teacher if they feel they have been wrongly treated.
- Golden time - it was questioned how this was used as some parents felt it was being used more for academic success rather than behaviour e.g. for getting a low score on a spelling test they would write them out in golden time. Teachers will discuss the use of Golden time and how it could be improved. Mrs Nichol told the parents if there are issues with individual children and teachers i.e. upset due to loss of golden time then they should approach the teachers separately.

Communication

- Can Learn with me sessions be put on PAWS. Mrs Nichol said that this did happen most of the time and she would continue to do so if teachers put them on the events calendar.
- There will be a reminder for teachers to send out notes for learn with me sessions for those who could not attend.
- It was asked if the school calendar could be synced to parent's mobile phones. If this is possible a message will go on PAWS.
- It was mentioned that head bump texts can worry some parents, however it was stated that these were necessary to keep children safe.
- School Gateway- Some parents said they did not find it very user friendly. It is mentioned that aspects don't always link – findings have been passed on to the provider.

Lunches

- It was mentioned that at times food in all year groups is still running out. This will continue to be monitored by school staff.

Readers

- Could there be a welcome session for parent/volunteers in school. This could set out expectations from both parties as well as providing information on what to do and around safeguarding. Mrs Nichol said that this would happen and parents in school would become more regulated especially with regard to safeguarding.

Nursery

- Parents said that they thought things were going well in nursery at the minute and were pleased with the communications they had received.

AOB

- Cross country – could children be informed as to how the system works as regard to the reply slips.
- Is there a better way to organise lifts to sports events - the school cannot recommend parents for lifts as we would then have to check details such as insurance, MOTs, driving licence etc.
- At present there is not the capacity within the staff to compile a parent's expertise list which was an idea that was brought to the Parent council for consideration.
- Can teachers keep hold of children at their classes, if parents are running a few minutes late? This is not a problem, however most nights staff do have meetings. Any children who are not collected on time are usually taken to the KS1 hall and then picked up from the main office.