

Present: Mark Smith, Olivia Goodgame, Chris Jones, Sara Coles, Victoria Doran, Kellie Hatcher, Sara Birch, Sara Batts, Jackie Hampson

Apologies: Jo Webb and Sarah Webster

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

Mr Smith thanked the Parent Council representatives for the personal introductions that had been sent out to parents and the suggestion envelopes established on classroom doors.

New Matters arising:

Handwriting

Feedback from parents who attended the handwriting meeting had been positive although the number who attended was low. Parents in Year 1 had questioned whether their children should be joining yet. Mr Smith explained that Year 1 children should be consolidating letter formation in preparation for joining. This would have the flicks at the start and end of letters. They should be developing consistency in size and spacing and then learning to join. This will vary child by child depending on their development. Parents had found the guidance booklet useful.

Creche at Class Assemblies

Some parents have asked if the school would consider providing a crèche during class assemblies for younger siblings as it can be upsetting when children cannot be heard over the other noise in the audience. Mr Smith agreed this would be a good idea but advised the Parent Council that staffing this facility would have to be done through parent volunteers. Parent Council representatives were willing to follow this up to gain a feeling of any parents who would be willing to help out for twenty minutes on the following dates:

18th November – Class 1

25th November – Class 4

Live 'n' Deadly

There had been some upset regarding the live 'n' deadly event which was open to Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Mr Smith explained that he had not anticipated the level of uptake considering it was a 6am start for families. The frantic response made working out who had handed their slips in first very difficult and first come first served was unfair for those children who walk home alone in Years 5 and 6. For these reasons, as stated on the original letter, it was decided the only way to decide was to pull names from a hat. Mr Smith apologised for any upset this caused and felt that this method should have been the only method advertised to start with. Unfortunately with these types of event, some children are going to be disappointed.

Boulogne Trip

Feedback from parents regarding the Year 6 trip to Boulogne had been very positive.

Homework

Some Year 6 parents feel that there is currently too much homework with English, maths, topic and booster. In addition to this there seems to be a lot over the holidays. The school are going to review Year 6 homework after half term.

Meeting closed at 10.00am. Next meeting will be held on Friday 2nd December 2011 at 9am in the staff room.