

BRIZE NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Friday 21st September 2012

Present: Mark Smith, Sarah Birch, Sara Batts, Victoria Doran, Jackie Hampson, Kellie Hatcher

Apologies: Jo Webb, Sarah Birch, Olivia Goodgame

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

Facebook

Mr Smith said that staff use of Facebook had been discussed at the start of year INSET day and written into staff conduct documents.

New Matters arising:

Pen on Jumpers

A few parents had reported that their children have come home with black pen on their sweatshirts

Mr Smith explained that mini-whiteboards and pens are a valuable strategy for teaching across the school. The pens we use had been tested last year to ensure that we only purchased those that would wash out. Mr Smith will check with Mrs Bridges to find out if the supplier has changed.

Lunchtimes

A parent had asked if the children have to sit in silence all through lunch

Mr Smith explained this was not the case at all. As many parents who have been for lunch will know, lunch starts in silence while the prayer and menu are read. Tables are chosen to go up for lunch while the children remain silent so that the cook and servers can hear what the children would like. This is also seen as good manners, waiting to talk until everyone has sat down. Once all children have been served (10 minutes approximately) the children are encouraged to enjoy social conversation with others on the table. This is normally lovely. When the main course is finished and the children are waiting to get their pudding there is a silent few minutes to calm things down a little. Once the children have their pudding they can chat again. Once a table has completely finished their lunch it is expected that the children sit smartly to show they are ready to leave the hall, quietly.

Sports Club

Could the children be reminded to leave their belongings under the shelter in bad weather.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Rae will remind the children.

Residential for Year 3 and 4

Several parents wondered whether this was going ahead

Mr Smith confirmed that the residential would be going ahead as the feedback from parents had been very positive at the end of last term. A letter would go home next week once a final cost had been calculated. Parents could then spread the payment over the 5 months.

Meeting closed at 9.45am. Next meeting 26th October 2012