

BRIZE NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Friday 21st January 2011 9.00am

Present: Mark Smith, Helen Biro, Sarah Webster, Olivia Goodgame, Jo Webb, Sara Coles and Lis Adams

Apologies: None

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

Black marker pens – The new ones have now arrived.

Informal drop in for class 1 – This was scheduled but only one parent stayed. It was thought that more parents will find this useful if next time it is held shortly after the start of the school year.

Uniform exchange – This took place but only one parent brought items in. We will do it again in the summer term.

Button jar – There is a jar in the library where spare buttons can be placed for parents to use.

School dinner survey – This will be going out early next week; we need to try and encourage parents to respond.

New Matters arising:

School photos.

Mr Smith is looking at different photographers for the school photos. The options are formal or more contemporary. We have some sample photos which will be displayed in the library area and parents will be asked for their feedback.

End of school policy

The new end of school policy has been introduced and it is working well. Feedback has been received that some parents like the way that children are only released to nominated adults. Parents do have the opportunity to allow their children to walk home on their own by completing the necessary form available from the office.

Children going into assembly with their Forest School clothes on.

There is concern that the children are getting too hot in assembly with their Forest School gear on. Helen Biro has offered to say behind after Friday Assembly to help the children get changed into their forest school clothes so they do not have to go into assembly and get too hot.

School Paypal account.

One of the parents has suggested that we could set up a school paypal account for payments to school. Mr Smith and Mrs Drake are investigating the options available with several companies.

Homework

A few parents have noticed that there are some instances where comments are not made in the homework books or reading records when a child has done more than expected. It was also raised that if a child has struggled with some homework and the parent makes a note in their book, it does not always get dealt with. *Mr Smith will look into this.*

Long Distance Trips and Residential

It was suggested that on some of the long distance trips such as France and the residential trip it would be reassuring for the parents if text updates could be sent.

This would be easy enough to implement and will be looked at.

Meeting closed at 10.10am. Next meeting will be held on Friday 4th March 2011 at 9am in the staff room.