

Present: Mark Smith, Kellie Hatcher, Victoria Doran, Jackie Hampson, Jo Webb, Sarah Birch, Claire Wright and Olivia Goodgame

Apologies: Jo Webb and Sarah Batts

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

1. Elderbank Hall Car Park

There has been some improvement to how parents are parking in the car park. There is an on-going issue though of people parking in places other than the marked bays.

2. Early morning tasks

Parents had given feedback that early morning tasks were much clearer in the class concerned.

New Matters arising:

Mrs Forrester (mum of Amy in Class 3) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Forrester will share the parent representative role for Year 3 with Mrs Hampson.

1. Reception Garden

It had been noted that some parents let younger siblings of children in Class 1 play in the garden before and after school, often unsupervised.

Mr Smith said that this had been identified as an issue. Siblings are the responsibility of parents not the school. The school has to uphold the highest regard for health and safety of all people on site and so will be writing to parents to remind them that siblings should not play in this area before or after school. Often resources are also set up for the day and it is frustrating for the class when things are moved or broken before lessons begin.

2. School Trips

Parents had commented that a couple of recent trips had been quite short notice, which meant that parents were not able to help with driving etc. The parents have asked if trips can be planned a little further in advance and that days are alternated so that it is not always the same parents who are able to help.

Mr Smith agreed that two recent trips were quite short notice. Both of these had been this way mainly because of the constraints of the places of visit. Both places could only confirm that a visit was possible a week in advance, which meant that informing parents was later than we would have liked. Also both of these trips happened to be on a Thursday because these were the days given by the organisations, not the school. In future the school will try to alternate days of the week to allow more parents to take part and also aim to give at least two weeks' notice.

3. Cloakrooms

A few parents had commented on space issues in cloakrooms and asked if further cloakroom space could be provided.

Mr Smith agreed that cloakroom space is tight in school but there is not really any way of extending this space without losing classroom/teaching space. Some days are worse than others e.g. swimming days. Mr Smith said that often children bring such big bags which are discouraged and are often not needed on other days.

Mr Smith said that he would speak to class teachers to ensure that things like book bags are collected in and held in a box rather than taking up cloakroom space. He will also monitor the situation of bags over the next few weeks.

4. Flooding to the back path

Several parents had commented that something needed to be done to the path from the car park to the back gate as it keeps flooding during periods of heavy rain.

Mr Smith agreed this was an issue but not one that the school can solve. The path is the responsibility of the Parish Council not the school. The school will raise the issue with the Parish Council as should any concerned parents.

There were no other points of concern. The overall feeling given by the parent council members was that the children all seem to be having a fantastic time at school, are enjoying all the work they are doing and looking forward to Christmas plays.

Meeting closed at 10.00am. Next meeting Friday 21st December 9am.