

BRIZE NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 9am

Present: Mark Smith, Mrs Birch, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hampson, Mrs Doran, Mrs Webb, Mrs Goodgame, Mrs Hornsby, Mrs Wright

Apologies: Mrs Batts

Update on matters arising from last meeting:

New Matters arising:

1. Car Parking – there is still some inconsiderate parking in the Elderbank Hall Car Park.
Reminders will be given in a newsletter but it is difficult as the car park is not school property.

2. Cross Country – some concern over the children having to run around the recreation ground when they were unwell or very tired. A parent had asked what warm up exercises had been done.
*Cross Country is part of the school PE curriculum and all children are expected to take part unless the school has a letter from a parent excusing their child from PE for health reasons.
Mr Smith will discuss with the teacher the arrangements made for a child who felt unwell that particular day. All PE seasons start with stretches and a warm up session.*

3. Friendship Bus Stop – A parent had raised a concern about the friendship bus stop being negative on childrens self-esteem, especially if no one notices a child waiting or asks them to play.
Mr Smith said that this approach was good practice and in many schools. The children had come up with the idea and raised the money for it. All children know what to do if they feel lonely at playtime and this is only one strategy to support. Children are very good at getting someone to join in if they are stood waiting, which is not very often. Mr Smith will reinforce the use of the bus stop in assembly next week.

4. Table Issues in the morning – a couple of parents had raised concerns regarding the number of children around a table in the morning – not enough room to work.
Mr Smith explained that the children were only in these groups for ten minutes skills work in the morning before register. He did say that it was not ideal and another table had been ordered to provide more work space.

Meeting closed at 10.00am. Next meeting will be held on Friday 8th November at 9am in the staff room.