

Parent Council Meeting, Monday 9th March 2015, 2pm

Attendees:

Tracy Potter (Headteacher)

Julie Garrett

Rachel Anderson

Samantha Aitken

Anita Parham

Apologies

None received

Agenda.

Minutes of previous meeting

Reading merits

Playground

Learning walk

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed

Class structure 2015/16

There was further discussion regarding class structures for next year, how would mixed classes be organised etc. TP noted that we try to ensure there is a mix of ability, age and gender when planning mixed classes.

School trips

TP reported that staff said they were very aware of the costs of trips and with residentials being paid for were keen NOT to overload parents in terms of cost. As a result there is more emphasis on opportunities within school. The parents present said they understood this.

Merits

All parents present felt merits were being appropriately awarded.

Friday assemblies

TP said she'd asked staff to be hyper-vigilant and if necessary remove or ask unruly parents to leave assembly.

School money system

TP explained that for each on-line transaction the school has to pay 35p so by allowing for part-payments we could, as a school, be faced with excessive charges which we would need in theory to pass onto parents. It was agreed that this was not practical or cost-effective

Reading merits

TP asked parents how they felt the reading merit system was going. All parents felt it was working well. TP asked whether they felt points towards merits should be awarded for every entry in the record books or on a daily basis - all said daily basis. TP noted this will be clarified in September.

Playground

One parent commented that it's a shame all school playgrounds can't be that smooth.

Everyone felt a good job had been done and looked forward to seeing the new markings when these are added.

Learning walk

We all took a brief tour around the school, looking at the displays, classroom layouts and behaviour. As we toured the school various things were pointed out for example the quality of some of the homework on display, the fact that in many year groups all children have work on display, displays generally have titles making it clear the purpose of the work etc.. It was noted that the behaviour was good around school with children engaged in their learning - in some classes although there was a lot of discussion the discussion was focussed on learning. The parents felt that the classroom walls are informative for the children.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th April, 2pm.