

Newsletter



Issue 1 October 2017

Welcome to our Parent Council Newsletter

Parent council class representatives

If you have any suggestions or issues to raise at the next meeting please speak to your class representative;

Nursery - Jess O'Keefe & Kate Fleet

Reception - Jo Giffiths & Sharon Damon

Year 1 - Nicola Teague & Lucy Smith

Year 2 - Fiona Terry & Rachel Martin

Year 3 - Katie Dobson

Year 4 - Lucy Smith & Fiona Terry

Year 5 - Victoria Tahirkheli

Year 6 - Jane Boon & Sue Fowler

Council aims

- A welcoming, self-improving school for all pupils & parents
- Partnership between school, parents & carers
- Engage parents to support the education & welfare of pupils
- Identify & represent the views of parents on matters affecting pupils education & welfare
- To listen to parents & report back on activities & discussions
- Ensure all parents are able to express their views & wishes

We want to strengthen links between school and parents so that ALL views can be expressed and valued.

Topics discussed at the October meeting

- The purpose of the parent council was discussed and the aims agreed.
- Parent council will meet at least once per term. The dates of meetings will be advertised on Schoop to allow parents to provide feedback to their class representative in advance of the meeting.
- A newsletter will be sent out via Schoop after each meeting.
- The new school website provision will include an area for the parent council to provide regular updates to all parents.
- The questionnaire results were discussed & any actions identified.

Education & welfare of the pupils

- Concern about road safety, pick-up arrangements & the entrance gate were raised. Staff will consider improvements to 'home-time'.
- The parent council will contact the Council about road safety in front of the school.
- A workshop for parents on mindfulness & how to talk to children about their emotions is being considered
- An online safety session for parents will be organised to educate their children on staying safe.
- School policies on aspects such as bullying were discussed & will be made available for all parents to read.
- Healthy schools - 'healthy snacks' will be defined & alternative ways to celebrate children's birthdays are being developed e.g. sashes/badges, a special weekly assembly & weekly Schoop message.
- Provision for exercise in each class will be looked at by staff.

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Parent involvement

- Any help for the schools 'Shine Day' would be appreciated.
- The theme of the first Day is 'healthy schools'.
- If parents have a background in nutrition or exercise then please make contact with Mrs Collingridge in Nursery to see if you can help the Day.