

School Council Meeting

31-10-2017 – 11.17 am

Present: School pupils x 13, Mrs Clayton (Governor) Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Flower and Mrs Wildgoose

Sam opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the previous meeting 5-9-17 were read by Ruby and Sam.

Matters arising:

- Letter to Ms Wardle saying thank you for the sand pit has been sent.
- The plaque is still to be actioned by TB.
- EYFS items ordered.
- NM & WW have agreed to share the team captain position of the Green Group.
- The Shields are not being changed as the children have decided they like the old ones.
- New photographs of each child have been taken and put up.
- Letters have gone out to parent's re-pupils bringing in drinks bottles.

Miss Gailley is to create an A3 size trophy with the title of 'Our House Teams'.

Coloured, glitter, star shaped badges have been purchased for each house team (Red, Blue & Green) + Gold for a special Head Teacher award to be presented at the end of each term.

A letter has been sent to a local aggregate firm for the donation of small stones to cover the EYFS garden area. As we haven't heard from them Mrs Blackwell is to purchase bark to cover the area to prevent weeds.

A parent has volunteered to sweep up all the leaves around the EYFS and the car parking area. (Mrs Webster)

Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Teeboon will be starting the hand bell lessons in preparation for a performance at Christmas.

Collective Worship & RE – Mrs Wildgoose thanked all the pupils for completing the RE and Collective Worship questionnaires. She was pleased with the suggestions and highlighted some in the meeting.

Collective Worship suggestions:

- Let the children run collective worship – Pupils are involved with the opening/closing of the worship, choosing the hymn/song and prayer. (House captains organise this on the Friday before the start of the week)
- Listen to music on entry and exit to collective worship – This is taking place but it is to become more structured ie: a certain composer during the week/ linked to collective worship etc. (The CD's need sorting).
- Could actions be incorporated when singing? – The new collective worship CD that has been purchased has introduced some actions.
- Show school work during collective worship – This will be happening at the new celebration assemblies which will take place once a term.
- Be able to show things from home – Swimming/Dancing/Football Certificates, trophies, badges etc. Pupils are to ask staff before bringing into school.
- Have a real flame candle – This has been proven to be unsafe. It was agreed that one special candle could be lit by the staff member during collective worship. Mrs Blackwell to purchase one.

RE suggestions:

- To perform more plays.
- To paint and make models.

Mrs Clayton has a book, that she will donate to school, that has religious plays in it.

Rev Freddie Fisher books are to be purchased. The books are based on 'Puddles' the Cat. Books covering the four main Christian festivals (Christening, Christmas, Easter and Harvest)

The content of the interactive table which is part of the 'Reflection Space' in the corridor is to be changed this term. The 'Our Acts of Kindness' box is to be replaced with three dishes, three different coloured pebbles and the labels 'Happiness, Thankfulness and Worries'. How the children are to use this is to be explained by Mrs Wildgoose in Collective Worship just prior to its introduction.

The outside spiritual area is to be sited in the lower playground. It will be a small arbour with planters either side to grow perfumed climbing plants, hang wind chimes and attach mosaic religious symbols from different faiths, which the children will make (This will be linked to the EYFS sensory garden)

EYFS – On 13th November NoMow will be fitting the artificial grass on the lower playground and the ramp leading to the main playground. This may cause difficulty

during break times as access may be impossible due to the work been undertaken. The main playground may have to be accessed from the road side.

The cost of this installation will almost certainly use up all the allotted money. A grant is to be applied for called 'Joint Match Funding' to help fund further purchases. If this grant is forthcoming scooters will be purchased for KS2 pupils.

Playground –

- The Buddy rota is to be re-printed.
- Playground boxes are to be re-sorted and check if the items are okay.
- Playground rota of games to be looked at. (Less football)
- Buddies are to sort out what equipment goes out on the day. No one else is to get equipment from the hall or behind the curtain.
- The person who takes out equipment must bring it back in.
- If equipment is not on the rota, a staff member must be asked before equipment is selected, if the staff member says No there is no going to another adult.
- The adult on duty is in charge.
- Thank you to HW for being snack monitor all last term.
- The 4 monitors who looked after the Cubs have done a fantastic job since they started in September. They were asked if they still wanted to be monitors. Isaac has agreed to stay with Ryan but Evie, Winola and Niamh requested to be relieved of their posts. The new monitors are to be Marni with Grace, Lucy with Jude and Tom with Abbie.
- Playground rules are to be displayed –
 1. Line up.
 2. No ball bouncing in corridor.
 3. Buddy Bibs to be worn at break time.
 4. Equipment to be brought back in by whoever took it out.

Mrs Wildgoose has created a School Council folder on the server and all minutes are to be placed in it.

A Family Server day is to be held once every term. This would involve the Year 6,5,4 pupils serving the lunches. Dates and logistics to be discussed with Mrs Stubbs, also the possibility of themed lunches. Sam requested that the children be allowed to sit altogether for lunch around the long council table. Mrs Blackwell agreed.

Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. MAST and the Fire Safety Officer are in on that day. Mrs Wildgoose is to investigate what the theme is for the day.

A suggestion box is to be opened for pupils to suggest what they would like the theme to be. This is to be opened on 10-11-17.

Mrs Wildgoose requested a copy of the minutes for the Class 2 notice board.

A Nativity is to be purchased for performance on Tuesday 12th December. The older pupils have to decide if they want to take lead roles or let the Cubs be Mary & Joseph and we perform a more traditional Nativity. Class 2 are to decide by 3pm Wednesday 1st November, then it will be discussed at the end of the day.

Meeting Closed 12 noon.