

Parent Council Meeting

7th June 2016

1. The group reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Breakfast club is now running well. Dojo points the group reviewed the minutes from the school council about Dojo points. They asked the children about the prizes and they are happy with these. Some classes are better at updating the system than others. Parents are happy that they can send photos etc. We will work with staff across school to ensure there is consistency with this. Parents were happy regarding the trip information.
2. Hi Vizz Jackets
Parents think that all children off site should wear Hi viz jackets. Staff wear them when we are out on visits but we do not have them for children. Discussions took place around this and wristbands with contact numbers on. All children still go on visits wearing the school uniform and the venues always have a contact number for the school. It was resolved not to pursue this further at the time however if free ones could be obtained we would look at it again.
3. Sun Safety
Do we encourage sun safety in school?
FS has a box of hats that can be worn if they do not bring their own hat. We do encourage children to bring water bottles and suncream. We send lots of reminders by text. Parents asked about sunglasses? This would be acceptable if it had a medical need. Would there have to be a parent contract for wearing sunglasses? Staff would look at this and the legalities around children wearing sunglasses at lunch break. We have regular assemblies and always mention sun safety.
4. Communication
Information is generally good from school, however sometimes parents feel there is not enough notice for events.
Staff said that from September trips would be organised a year ahead so that parents are aware of the dates and the cost implications.
Parents still feel texting is a good way of communication.
5. F1 numbers
We currently have low numbers in our F1 unit and this year we are currently only offering morning sessions in the next academic year. If parents have any ideas how we can promote the free sessions please let us know.
Someone suggested the toddler group at the Pentecostal church and maybe advertising on the radio.