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Parent Forum – 02/05/2024

Staff: Mrs Large, Mrs Sudan

Parents: Mrs Scott, Miss Deards, Mr Warburton, Mrs Raine, Mrs Scott, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Mansel

Website Feedback

Parents like the website, they find it very useful. One parent asked if we could update the uniform section and asked if girls could wear leggings under skirts in the winter? Can children wear trainers with white at the bottom instead of all black? Would smart trainers be acceptable to wear everyday due to the daily mile? *It was highlighted that this may create competition between brand names and we may end up with bright trainers instead of smart black.*

The parents enjoy seeing the photos on the class pages but said they need reminding they are on there and notifications that homework/spellings had been posted.

Mrs Martin does sometimes put links in the newsletter to different webpages so that more photos of events can be seen. Girls can wear trousers in the winter, but I don't have a problem with black or grey leggings instead of tights. Footwear that is all black can be worn as school shoes, it doesn't matter as far as trainers for P.E. are concerned.

Rewards

Some rewards are not adhering to our school policy and rewards of extra playtime etc were mentioned. Some children have reported back to their parents that they feel the same children get rewarded each week. They would like rewards to be consistent across the school.

Pen licences – this came up last parent forum as well. Some parents feel we should stop doing the pen licences. They feel that there is an expectation to get a pen licence by the end of Year 3 and feel disappointed if they don't. They then get a pen in Year 4 anyway, so the award doesn't feel as important after Year 3. One parent pointed out that some children's handwriting is neater in pen than pencil.

We have fed back to staff concerned about keeping to our Pupil Behaviour Policy and the rewards that school promotes. We will be giving all Year 3 pen licences by the end of this term and rethink how we do this going forward.

Classlist

Mrs Lloyd asked if they had signed up to Classlist. The parents seem to like it and find it more to the point than emails. One parent said they have lots of emails daily as a child in pre school as well. I asked if they like receiving the courses from Mrs Holden or would prefer not to receive them, one parent said she has signed up to a few of the courses and appreciated them, other parents who don't use the courses said they don't mind receiving them. There was a suggestion that there could be a section on Classlist where we could upload courses for parents to click on. They would like class teachers to have access to classlist so they could post things to parents, they feel this would increase the interaction with the class teacher.

Classlist is new and so at the moment teachers are not posting. We are thinking about using this going forward for only short reminders. It is important all other correspondence goes out via the office so that communication remains consistent and the office are aware of what is happening.

Mrs Lloyd mentioned the money for classes and whether they liked that idea. People said they often read an email, intend to donate but then forget. They said if the teacher could send a list of things they need or if after they bought



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something, posted a picture, they would be more inclined to donate as they can see where the money is going. General consensus was that they like to see where the money is going and want it to go to their child's class, not the whole school.

This is something that we can discuss with The Friends and staff. I like the idea of teachers requesting certain items and parents/carers buying an item for the class for the children to use. Small items such as wet playtime games would be great or some extra resources for certain subjects.