



Lister Infants Parent Council

April 21st, 2016

Present: Rebecca Clancy (Chairperson)
Kathi Sturdy (Vice Chair)
Leanne Barratt
Ashlie Lamb
Janine Edge
Carrie Ann Wood
Kirsty Hamilton (Deputy Head)
Jan Davies (Head teacher)

Next meeting: Friday April 21st 2016, 2.00pm

Apologies

None

1. Curriculum and Assessment Update, (including school trips)

Kirsty Hamilton updated parents on how the school had designed a curriculum and topics that were meaningful to the children and helped to develop an interest and curiosity for further learning. Kirsty explained that it is important for us as school leaders to receive feedback from parents on the topics and enhancements that we give to the children. Parents reported that the children love the various topics they have studied and field trips definitely enhance and support learning. One parent gave an example of how recycling was now extremely important in their household as a result of a school trip to the Recycling Centre. Another parent reported that philosophy lessons were the best lessons of the week and theme days with visitors and workshops, for example, Maths Day and Science Day created a real buzz.

Kirsty updated parents on new guidelines for assessment in line with the new curriculum. Kirsty explained that school results this year could not be compared to previous years as the standards were now so much higher. Kirsty explained how assessment results would be reported to parents. Parents were concerned for their children that the tests would be more difficult. Jan Davies reassured parents that no pressure would ever be put on their child.

2. After School Clubs

Jan Davies asked parents if they felt school offered enough After School Clubs and if there were any other clubs parents felt the school could offer. Parents felt that the school offered a good range of clubs. One parent asked if the Martial Arts Club would be returning, Jan Davies explained that the lady who ran the club was now working in America and so at the moment the club was not available. Another parent asked for a Lego Club. Jan Davies reported that at the request of the children there was a Construction Club this term. It was also agreed that a Lego Club could be something the school could look into for the autumn term.

3. Transition

Jan Davies informed parents about transition arrangements for each year group. Jan explained that during the last half term a lot of work is put into ensuring all children are fully supported and prepared for their transition to the next class. One parent who had already experienced the transition from the infant school to the junior school confirmed that transition arrangements were really good and the junior school did a lot to welcome and support parents.

4. Communication

Following on from the last meeting Jan Davies shared a Communication Questionnaire that she had written to find out the best ways of communicating with parents. Parents felt this was a good idea and would help the school decide the best methods of communicating with parents. If school were to use social media all parents at the meeting agreed that Facebook would be the best option. Jan will send questionnaire out to parents with the annual questionnaire due to go out in June.

A.O.B

At the start of the meeting Jan took all parents outside to look at the work that had been completed on the Forest Garden Project. Jan showed parents the Bug Hotel, wormery and den that had been installed. Jan shared her vision with parents about how the space would be used to enhance the curriculum and learning experiences for the children.

A parent asked if it would be possible for the school to enable parents to use Paypal to pay the school for clubs, trips etc. Jan said she would look into this.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 26th April 2016 at 2.00pm