

Minutes of Parent Community Group Meeting January 18th 2017

Present : Di Marsay,Sally Moore,Tania Morrison, Keely Tanner,Jodie Lynam,Nia Davies,Leanne Gotel

Apologies: Sarah Mapplebeck, Kim Bell, Sharon Bull, Chantal Beck, Triona Baines

It was a great meeting with lots of items discussed

1. The Christmas card company was a disaster this year with parents still trying to get refunds from the company. It was disappointing as they had previously been good. The school has been approached by a local firm dealing with two other local schools and we will look into the possibility of using their services. It was suggested that in the first newsletter in September we remind parents if project will be available and that they are free to produce designs at home if they would like to.
2. A parent had asked whether the school was still considering an after school club and when that would be available. Mrs Marsay indicated that there were more building works scheduled for 2017 which would impact on access to the school and close down some areas at the front of the school. This will mean that the room that had been highlighted as a possibility for this facility might not be available. The school is also waiting for confirmation of school numbers for 2017 entry and this could also impact on space available.
3. Parking was discussed at the end of the day. There were a number of suggestions. Firstly lobbying the Connetable of St Lawrence to designate the area outside the school by the wall as Teacher's parking so that would free up a number of spaces. It was also suggested that there are some cars which are parked on school grounds that are not directly related to the drop off and pick up of children. It was suggested that for a short time staff could place a sticker in their car to show the school that they have a right to park and therefore it would be easier to spot anyone parking that is not entitled to. Another parent asked whether KS1 children with brothers or sisters in KS2 could be held on to until 3.15 as this would mean parents do not need to arrive until 3.15 thus having less congestion at 3.00.
4. We discussed the Beetle drive. We set the date as February 10th. We will sell hot dogs before the Beetle drive and refreshments in the interval. There will also be a raffle during the evening. It should be a great night and I am certainly looking forward to it!
5. The Disco is booked for March 24th. DJ Nelson is taking care of the disco so we will just need to provide refreshments. We will try to get the Frootie machine that has been so popular.
6. The parents at the meeting were keen to run the Easter Egg hunt. This has proved very popular and a good fundraiser. We are proposing Thursday 30 March at 3.00 for this event.
7. In the Summer Term we would like to run another school walk that was so well attended last year. The parents asked if the sponsor forms could go home a little earlier.
8. One of the parents mentioned the Lepa fundraiser. They said that this was the second year in succession that the school had taken part and they felt that the marketing of the clock for the children as an incentive was unnecessary and put pressure on families to raise at least £25.

9. A parent asked if we were going to take part in Sign to Sing which is an Island wide signing song which links us to lots of other schools and promotes something that we are very good at.
10. Football club was mentioned as a great fun way to get all children interested in football to take part in healthy exercise. There have been a number of times when the club has been cancelled due to matches and this is disappointing for the children.
11. There were lots of positive comments about the Christmas Fair. The use of the extra space was commented on and that had contributed to a lovely atmosphere. The new timings were also mentioned as positive.
12. We discussed the possibility of a Summer Fair but it was felt that this might be very weather dependent and therefore hard to plan contingencies. We decided to meet again this term to plan a barbecue for the Summer term
13. There has been an accident close to the school recently that demolished a wall opposite the school. One of the parents queried the safety of the playground wall in KS1 as it borders a very busy main road.
14. The new morning drop off times and meet and greet service was complimented by a number of parents as very helpful

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.