

Parent Forum – 14.6.22

Present:

Rachel Simkins
Charlene Chambers
Fliss Dodd
Viki Holland
Jenny Edge
Jenny Clark

Sharon Liversey – Deputy Headteacher
Clare Cotton – Learning Mentor

Apologies:

Lucy Morris
Lisa Blundell
Fiona Walkington

Uniform Policy

School uniform should be affordable and accessible for all parents/carers ensuring that the uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible. The majority of the uniform can be bought from local supermarkets.

Plain green sweatshirts are acceptable and they do not have to have the Woodlands logo on the front.

PE days are to remain with children coming dressed ready to school in PE kit. Need to be clear that football kits, crop tops etc are not suitable clothing. Suggestion is that children wear unmarked black trainers as part of their uniform so they can also wear them for PE.

Sports Day

Sports day information has been shared with parents on the weekly newsletter. Parents/Carers/Family members are welcome to attend with toddlers/babies.

On previous sports days, children have been placed in their houses. This year is 'Just for fun' and there will not be a collection of points.

Nursery/Reception sports day will take place on the infant field and Years 1-6 on the junior field. For morning sports day, Parents can get a seat once they have taken their children into class.

For afternoon sports day, access to the junior field is through the staff car park to the right hand side of the junior school.

Any other business

Hedges – pleased they have been trimmed back on the path to the infant playground.

After school clubs – KS2 do not appear to have many clubs. Places for KS2 clubs are often taken by parents who want childcare rather than paying S4YC. Many children want to try new activities but due to the timing of emails being sent out to parents in the middle of the day, parents who work often do not pick up the emails. Suggested that emails be sent to parents in the evening (6.30pm)

Lunch menu - Steak pie disappeared off school lunch menu. Some children disappointed.

Breaktime Snack – Plans are underway to bring back snacks. This will be cashless and parents will need to pay for the snack in advance. Onus would be on parents to do this.

Music Lessons– Parents keen to find out what lessons are offered in school (guitar/violin) but unsure how they find out about them.

Bike sheds – Can one be provided in KS1 playground? This would encourage less cars on road. Unfortunately small bikes don't fit in the KS2 bike sheds.

Strive for 5 – Is it continuing? Inconsistent? Parents in some classes feel it may have stopped.

Hot chocolate Friday – always RRS – get on with their work. Naturally coming into school. Always good children. Children with allergies. SL confirmed all allergies are catered for during hot chocolate Friday.

Mixed class – half of Nursery/Reception mixed class got the Queens Jubilee book – Nursery children did not receive the book. Some children cannot recognise they are in Nursery and not Reception.

Lack of face to face interaction with Teachers – Drop in sessions, sports day, assemblies have all been arranged at the same time. This is difficult for working parents to take time off work. Do not get chance to talk to teachers in the morning or at parents evening now it is virtual.

Twitter – classes inconsistent with what they put on Twitter. 3DR puts limited information/photographs on twitter. Some parents are not on twitter, can information be put on Facebook. SL confirmed that we need to be mindful of staff workload/well-being

TT Rockstars – Not set up for Year 2.

Hot water – Appears to be no hot water in Year 3/4 toilets when children wash their hands. This is due to the boiler being serviced in the summer and requiring a replacement part.

Windows – Lots of windows are dirty. Would like the school to look good.

Site Maintenance – Reception playground there are grids with rusty screws exposed. Unstable when children step on them.

Assemblies –

Reception – no formal assemblies – stay in class.

Year 1/2 – formal assembly

Year 3/4 – assembly together

Year 5/6 – assembly together

Class changes – Split 3/4 class created due to budget – If Year 2 were to move up as 2 classes, there would be 34/35 children in each class. Classes could get bigger as children join during the school year. Split to even out numbers.

Year 2 transition to start with children coming to junior hall to eat lunch.

Future meetings – subject leaders to come along and talk about their subject area.