

Parent Voice
Thursday 29th September 2016
The Barn Cedar Studio

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Toilets

A question was raised about when children were allowed to go to the toilet during the school day. Mr McIntosh confirmed that children were allowed to ask at any time but should avoid asking straight after break time or lunchtime. Teachers would be less likely to allow children to go at these times as they should have gone during their time out of class.

3. Homework

Homework seemed to be running well so far this term. More clarification would be useful for parents new to the school as there was still some confusion amongst some Year 3 parents about what should be done and when. Mr McIntosh would write and send out a letter.

It was mentioned that the address for logging onto the Abacus website was not included on the slip sent home with pupils that listed their log in details. Mr McIntosh would make sure this was included on the letter and remember this for next year.

4. Eschools mail

Today would be the first time that the newsletter and other letters would be sent to parents electronically. A question was raised about letters requiring the return of slips; Mr McIntosh confirmed that these would still be sent in paper format as we recognise that printing at home is not always possible and nor would school expect parents to have to do this anyway. Mr McIntosh also shared that copies of the weekly newsletter would still be available from the school office (stored in the grey letter holder opposite the window).

5. Break and Lunchtime arrangements

A question about playtime provision was raised. Mr McIntosh informed the parents that the Multi-Use Games Area was finally ready and had had its first use the previous day. This additional area was integral to the larger, new plan for lunchtime play in particular, as notified in the Newsletter of 8th September. Mr McTaggart was going through the plan with the children today in assembly and the new arrangements would start to take effect from tomorrow (Friday 30th September). This should give much more choice and variety to all children so that it better suits their diverse interests. Mr McIntosh confirmed that skipping ropes were allowed to be brought into school and that the Year 5/6 play leaders usually helped organise skipping at lunchtime.

6. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 20th October at 2.15pm (tea/coffee from 2pm) in the Barn.