

Parent Voice
Thursday 20th April 2017
The Barn

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Minutes of the last meeting and action points

- **Homework**

Mr McIntosh had passed on the requests/suggestions and these matters would be reviewed this term by the relevant teachers.

- **Year 5 changing for PE**

Mr McIntosh had talked with the Year 5 teaching team to ask if they could look into a way of altering changing.

3. School lunches

Mr McIntosh asked if parents had any comments about the new lunch menu; there was nothing to note.

4. Summer Activity scheme

Mr McIntosh informed parents that the school was considering the possibility of running a summer activity scheme for pupils of the school. This would not be a summer school with formal learning/revision, but an alternative to existing childcare options. The following suggestions were made based on what they thought most parents would find helpful:

- The option to send children in the morning or afternoon as well as for a full day
- The option to start as early as our normal breakfast club (7.30pm)
- The option to pick up at normal end of school time or a later finish (6pm)
- The option to use Childcare vouchers as payment (a wide range of providers is suggested and the ones used by Chelmsford Council for their holiday schemes are available to view online). This would need to be set up and communicated to parents early as it takes time for this to be arranged with individuals' companies.
- Allowing siblings to attend who are not pupils at the school would probably be necessary as parents would be unlikely to send one child to one scheme and another to a different one
- Flexibility is key - if a parent is able to book a combination of different days, afternoons, mornings, etc. (dependent upon availability of spaces) this will entice people to participate.

Parents agreed that the content of the day should not be academic but a rota of varying fun activities that the children would enjoy. Some suggestions included:

- Organised games on the field
- Board games

- Sessions in the computer suite
- Free time in the Arena, field and the play area
- Crafts and Art
- Cooking

Parents present believed that such a scheme would be popular enough to run. Mr McIntosh was grateful for the suggestions and would forward these to Mrs Enever (School Business Manager), who would be responsible for organising the scheme if it were to occur.

5. AOB

- **Breakfast club**

Some questions were raised about Breakfast Club e.g. flexibility of attendance, payment, Infant School siblings being able to attend, etc. Mr McIntosh would ask the office to issue a note on a forthcoming newsletter to remind parents of the club and how to access it.

- **IT games/esafety**

A parent commented on the challenges faced in today's world regarding keeping children safe online and asked what the school does to teach children about esafety. Mr McIntosh was clear that the school takes its responsibility in this regard very seriously and the following actions/measures are in place:

- Every Computing unit of work (usually one per half term) has an element of esafety teaching
- There are assemblies (usually once per term) which remind children about a range of esafety issues e.g. cyber bullying, strangers online, data security, etc.
- Esafety forms part of the health and safety element of PSHCE curriculum (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)
- There is a whole page of information, videos, documents to download, etc. on our website regarding child safety, including online safety (see *Teaching and Learning > Keeping Children Safe at BFJS*)
- Esafety forms part of the code of conduct for staff and so all staff members are aware of their responsibilities and how to keep themselves and pupils safe online
- We have had annual visits from 'The 2 Johns' (specialist police officers) to give the children talks, training for the staff and information sessions for parents
- As new threats emerge that are significant for our whole school community, we notify parents via the newsletter and pupils where appropriate in class

6. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 25th May at 8pm (tea/coffee from 7.45pm) in the Barn.