

Minutes from Rep Meeting with Ms. Steele – Monday 22nd July

School Trip Costs

PGL (activity week away) and Science Night costs have gone up in last year. Other companies have been looked into by the school but they don't offer as much as PGL especially in terms of SEN and disability provision.

Feeling is that they should remain as these are valuable and extremely popular with pupils. PGL, in particular, can be paid for in small installments throughout the year (parents are currently notified at the end of Year 4 for the trip in Year 6).

Soundstart – current Year 2

Soundstart (violin & cello class lessons) will continue next year for both classes but pupils won't be able to take instruments home.

SRE Policy

From September 2020, new Sex & Relationships Education will be compulsory. This will be approved by the governing body and then put into school policy. Parent reps have read this and agreed content.

How are children selected for events/sporting trips etc?

Pupils are selected for various reasons. These could be for showing an interest in a particular sport/subject, confidence building, some may have a disadvantaged background, behavior but also for ability.

Clubs

An assortment of new and existing clubs will start in September. The school is finalising the list and letters will go out in the new term.

Communication

The office works on a 2 week cycle of sending out letters etc. for upcoming events, trips etc. and always tries its best to give plenty of notice. However, increasingly they are spending most of their time chasing permission slips, school trip payments (even on the day of a trip). The school does not want to get to a stage where they are excluding pupils because parents haven't returned permission slips etc.

It is really important that parents read ALL newsletters, letters etc and make sure they reply by deadlines.

New Class Reps

Can existing class reps obtain email addresses from next years reps and email them to Illana Parry who will be taking minutes next year. She will also notify you when the meetings are to take place.

Stay & Play

Suggestion that on one of the stay and play afternoons, new pupils should be allowed to experience the reception classroom as well as the external play areas. This is something that Ms Steele and reception staff will look in to for next year.

Sports Day

A query on whether some of the sports day events could be for less sporty children. It was felt that the balance is right as many of the events are non-athletic and non-competitive.

Play Breaks

Sometimes when children fall out, temporarily they are told not to play with each other to allow some time apart and this usually resolves any issues. Preferably, this is a short-term measure as it is quite difficult to sustain this in a small school, however, in rare circumstances we have to extend this separation as a result of parental request and insistence.

Breakfast/After-school club

Request for more age appropriate games and activities especially for the older pupils. Donations of games are welcome.

No idling zone outside school

Class rep and Ms Steele to look into a banner for outside school to encourage parents to switch off their ignition whilst outside the school and surrounding roads.