

Parent Rep Meeting & Ms Steele – Spring (1) 2022

1. Lunch Portion sizes

Portion sizes are as per the national guidelines, food standards and healthy eating recommendations. As previously discussed, we are part of catering cluster with several other local schools which ensure the cost of lunches are sustainable for the school to provide.

It was agreed by all those who attended the meeting that any future issues regarding portion size should be raised directly with the school.

2. Teaching/positioning of religion

First instance should be to look at the school website which has a scheme of work by year group.

During the autumn term Year 1 children begin by looking at Christianity followed by Judaism, currently children have been re-visiting Christian Parables. Later in the year children will look at Hinduism.

3. Year 1 Phonics test

Yes, the phonics test will go ahead and should be in the mid-latter half of the summer term. Unlike the SATS there is a two-week window in which it needs to be completed and is done on a one-to-one basis.

4. Forest school/activity/club

It is something the school has investigated, pre-Covid they use to take group of children to Courtwood forest school but in the current climate that is not possible.

It is certainly something the school will consider but currently space is would be issue. However, Ms Steele is in discussions over a possible solution.

5. School trips in the pipeline

Currently there is only one school trip in the pipeline, however as previously discussed the cost and availability of transport is a major factor.

6. Is there a reason why attendance is at the top of the weekly newsletter?

The school must report levels of attendance and it is seen as good practice by the Education Welfare Officer to inform parents. Putting it on the weekly newsletter is the most efficient way of doing this.

7. Removal of rewards such as bingo ball and secret student due to poor behaviour.

Ms Steele explained that in regards to Bingo balls, this reward was removed and replaced by house points as per the rest of the school.

In addition to house points some teachers may use additional reward schemes for their class such as DoJo points, sticker charts or secret student. It was raised by one class that one such reward scheme was taken away for a number of days due to poor behaviour of a few individuals. Ms Steele confirmed that in that particular class the reward scheme was suspended for 4 days. It was not due to poor behaviour of a few children, as some believed, but was because the learning behaviour of the whole class had not been good enough for either the class teacher or when Ms Steele had taught the class.