

Parent Rep Meeting & Ms Steele – Summer (1) 2023

1. When do we find out who our teacher will be next year?

Next year's class teachers are always announced a couple of weeks after the half term holiday as teachers can resign up to the half term.

Reception parents will find out the reception staff at the new parents evening.

2. Were the school successful in appointing a replacement for Mrs Gough?

Yes, the school were able to advertise and hold interviews upon return from the Easter break.

3. Do boys and girls share toilets, is there a unisex toilet?

We have separate boys' and girls' toilets. The new toilets (following the building work) are currently for Year 6 girls use only.

There is a single medical toilet for any child that requires it.

4. State of toilets

What is the current state of the existing toilets? Have they been refurbished recently or been sorted since the latest blockages? Some boys are reluctant to use them at times because they are not pleasant.

Ms Steele acknowledged that the toilets are in a poor state; with the girls' facilities being slight better than the boys. School is currently in discussion with Croydon Council to get funding to have the boys' toilets refurbished with quotes of £40k to completely gut and renovate the existing space. To renovate both facilities will be approximately £70k.

Unfortunately, there have been some drainage issues following the building work which need to be rectified which will delay any refurbishment by 2 weeks.

It is hoped that the school and council will come to some sort of funding agreement in the coming weeks and refurbishment of the boys' toilets will happen during the summer break.

5. School Trips in KS1

The question of why has there been less school trips than previous years and if there be any more this year was raised by a Year 1 parent. They also asked if it was not possible to go on a big trip could the children go on local trips out i.e. the park or somewhere on the bus?

Ms Steele reassured the reps that children have had a similar number of trips as in previous years and that the Year 1 class had recently gone on a local area trip.

The school have found that since Covid there are fewer coach companies operating and hire costs have significantly increased, making trips more expensive. The school always ask for voluntary contributions from families towards the cost of trips but if the costs is not covered then school must cover the cost.

Taking a large number of small children on public transport can be quite challenging and would require a lot of volunteers to assist.

Both Trinity and Whitgift hold several enrichment activities throughout the year which is aimed at Year 5 & 6 children.

6. Thank you

A big thank you to Mrs Aitken and Mrs Noonan and the Reception team 😊

There has been lots of positive feedback from the colour run. The kids really enjoyed it and felt it was a great afternoon and they slept well that night!

Thanks to Mr Grace and team for a fabulous sleep over last weekend.

7. Rainbow maths

A request was made if a summary of what times tables go with each colour and for a brief description of what it is and what's involved.

Ms Steele agreed that it would be possible and that she would speak to Mr Prior the schools Math lead.

8. School lunch - Pizza

There was feedback from some Year 6 parents that their children were complaining of being hungry as they only received one slice of pizza and some peas for their lunch. They were absolutely staving at pick up following an afterschool basketball tournament.

Ms Steele confirmed that in addition to pizza children were offered a choice of vegetables and there was bread and salad also available. She spoke with the catering staff who confirmed that the portion size is in line with the government's recommendations, however they accepted where children have an extended day e.g. attending an afterschool sporting tournament, they may require a supplementary snack or an additional portion. The catering staff have already raised this matter with the caterers Aspen.

9. Bike and Scooters

There are no plan at the moment to allow them back on site until the school know what space is available and the building work has all been signed off.

The area where scooters were able to be left is now an outside washing station and the bike shed on the field needs a clean and to be looked at.

Previous issues were that scooters been dumped and that scooters were being taken home not by their owners.