

## **Parent Panel Meeting**

**9 February 2017**

The purpose of Parent Panel meetings is for the School to seek advice from Parents and Carers on how we move the school forward.

Items discussed at the February meeting were:

### **Lunch arrangements**

Packed lunches and Hot meals were discussed. Parents gave feedback on the current menu and were advised of changes made to encourage children to eat vegetables, such as sharing bowls on the tables. It was agreed that a guide to healthy packed lunches would be sent out.

### **Resource packs**

The School are planning to produce Pupil resource packs and asked parents when was the best time for these to be handed out. Views were divided as to whether this should be at the start of the summer holidays or at the start of the academic year.

### **Communication with Parents about the Curriculum**

Parents were asked whether they thought they were receiving enough information about what their child was learning at school. The consensus was “yes”, and that the learn-alongsides were very valuable for this. There was a request for more information about the expected levels of children in particular year groups.

### **School Trips**

A residential trip had been proposed but there was insufficient interest. Parents explained that they had concerns about the younger children being away overnight. The possibility of an overnight camp at school was discussed.

### **E-safety**

The importance of this was agreed and the school highlighted that the PCSO would be running an information session in School

### **Safeguarding**

Some parents expressed an interest in Safeguarding training. Miss Gibbons will deliver this in School

### **After School Clubs**

Feedback on the current range of clubs was sought. Parents & Carers were positive. An increased range of clubs for the younger children was requested. It was unclear what “Fun Club” was. The option of using Parent volunteers to increase the range of clubs was discussed.

**Drop-off arrangements**

Mrs Villa explained why these have changed and asked how parents were finding the new arrangements. Parents reported no issues.

**Homework expectations**

Mrs Villa asked for views on whether homework expectations were appropriate. Generally parents felt that the right amount of homework was coming home. It was highlighted that the process for getting homework marked needs to be clearly explained to pupils joining partway through the year.

**Parking**

Concerns were raised about Parking on and around the school site. Miss Gibbons has been out in the car park before and after school to encourage responsible parking. Mr Tully will also be on patrol regularly. The possibility of using the children (Road Safety Officers) to help with this was also discussed.