

Issues to be discussed from the last Parents Forum:

- Breakfast Club - Mrs Cook has looked into this with other schools within the federation. We would need to be fully function (charging parents enough to cover the staffing costs as well as costs for breakfast products). Currently we don't have the staff available to run the breakfast club and it is difficult to find someone to run this, as it would only be 1 hour per day and we would need two members of staff on site for safeguarding reasons.
- Parents had raised the idea of bringing back 'Scooter Day'. After discussions with staff, it was agreed that staff felt this caused huge health and safety risks. There were a lot of children on the playground, which could cause an accident. It was recognised that the children did enjoy this so maybe we put year groups together and run 'Scooter Days' on separate occasions. This will be discussed further when the weather improves. Staff also talked about helmets being compulsory for this event.
- Forest School - Mrs Cook has enquired about this - training should be available in the Spring term. We would like to run forest School again in the summer term.

Issues discussed at this Parents Forum:

- **Revised Curriculum for both classes**
The new topic coverage for the Spring Term will be 'Castles'. Class 1 will look at the different types of castles that were built over the ages as well as the different parts of a castle and their functions. Class 2 will look at the historical period of 'The Tudors', exploring Henry VIII and his reign as King. The children will have visits from Tarka Pottery to design, create and produce their own clay Tudor pots and also visit a castle to help bring the curriculum to life. Mrs Cook encourages parents and the community to share any knowledge, expertise or artefacts that they have to help enhance and enrich the curriculum for the children. Class 2 will begin French in the Spring term.
- **Development of our Religious Education curriculum and provision**
Mrs Lee, our School RE Co-ordinator, has received up to date training this term. Together we are looking at developing our celebration certificates to include and develop further our School Christian Ethos and our core values of - Forgiveness, Peace, Trust, Friendship and Endurance. Further information about this will be shared in the Spring Term. We will hopefully be introduced to a new Vicar in the village. We hope to work alongside him and make greater use of the Church in the New Year.
- **After School Club Provision**
Currently we have 3 clubs running after school at Northlew. Tuesday - Gardening Club, Wednesday - Multi Skills and Thursday- Football Club. The School Council has discussed other clubs that the children would be interested in. Following this discussion we will be running a Craft Club and Running Club in the Spring term. If you are interested in running a club, please speak to Hannah.

- **Attendance and Punctuality**

Mrs Cook has commented on how well the children come in and settle down to learning every morning. The majority of children are in class and on task by 9am - this has had a positive impact on learning and allows the children to maximise learning time. If your child's attendance drops below 96%, you will receive your first letter - a reminder. This will continue as your child's attendance decreases. Medical appointments - please continue to bring us in a copy of any medical appointments that cannot be made outside the school day. This is a great evidence source to support your child's attendance.

- **Behaviour**

Mrs Cook has reviewed the behaviour flow chart with all staff. We aim to support the children to reflect on the choices that they are making for themselves. We believe that these are lifelong learning skills, and for the majority of children this system works really well, as we have children making the correct choices and earning team points. For children who are struggling to make the correct choices we endeavour to support them and parents by collaborating together through the use of a behaviour report card. By placing a child on a report card we aim to identify any triggers or difficulties they may have. We meet with parents daily to discuss successes and areas for improvement.

- **Securing the site**

The side gates will be locked every morning at 9:00am and re-opened at 3:30pm to secure the school site. Any children arriving after 9:00am will have to be brought to the front office to be marked in the register. This is having a positive impact on children arriving to school on time.

- **Successful PTFA**

The PTFA have been extremely successful this term:

- Carnival
- Halloween Disco
- Christmas Wreath Making workshop
- Christmas Craft Fair
- Christmas Hamper

This has helped to pay for the coach for our Pantomime visit next week and they have just purchased a new flat screen TV/monitor for Class 2. This will really help to support and enhance the children's learning. If you would like to be part of this very successful team, please see Hannah.

- **Any other Agenda to be discussed**

Possibility of extra swimming lessons during the Summer term.