



Stamford Green Primary School



Notes from the Parents' Forum Thursday 20 June 2019

In attendance: Three parents, Mrs Druce and Mrs Thorpe

Library

One parent asked about the children's access to the school library. Currently we have a weekly library club which runs twice a week during lunch times. Classes also are timetabled to visit once a week during lesson time. From September, Mrs Druce is planning to open the library to children every lunchtime and school is currently recruiting staff to facilitate this. One parent asked if it would be possible to incorporate the children into this process, especially as there are some very keen pupils amongst our cohort with a love of books and reading. Mrs Druce agreed to explore this possibility with Mrs Spooner, who currently runs library club. Attention was drawn to the success of the lunch hall Prefect roles and how the children enjoy this responsibility and maybe the new library could have monitors that operate in a similar way?

Mrs Druce stated that she is hopeful to open the new Library before the end of term.

ACTION: Mrs Druce to speak with Mrs Spooner

Driving and parking concerns

One parent asked if the school could incorporate more frequent reminders about the voluntary one way system in communications to parents/carers. There are concerns over dangerous driving and some parents are not aware of the voluntary system. One parent volunteered to help direct traffic but the school advised that they have previously been told by the Police, that this is not a good idea, as you can be held personally responsible if any accidents occur from your personal direction. One parent asked if the PTA could get involved but Mrs Druce does not want to ask them as they already contribute so much to the school. It was agreed that the school will include new pictures in weekly info/newsletters encouraging compliance. The school will photograph our pupils near the roads outside and start to use these new images to muster further support and continue to attempt to raise awareness of the dangers being faced.

Mrs Druce clarified that the safer parking and driving message was delivered to the new intake of September 2019 parents and is also reiterated throughout all the new 'welcome to' year group meetings.

One parent asked if we could we include something about disabled blue badge being allowed to park on double yellow lines as other parents then assume that they can then do the same and copy.

ACTION: recreate photographs with our children issues once permission is received from parents to use in weekly info/ newsletters. Possibly include a bigger section in the school communications about the issues.

Homework

One parent raised the issue of children being asked to complete homework tasks before they fully understand the skill/method in class. Mrs Druce felt that the variety of task options given meant that the 'cherry pick' approach would enable the children to always find something they felt comfortable attempting without parental involvement always being needed. This would also benefit the children's independence. Other parents reassured the parent, who raised the issue, that if the teacher thought that the child could produce better work they then would raise it with them