



Stamford Green Primary School



Notes from the Parents' Forum Meeting

Monday 7 October 2019

In attendance: Five parents, Mrs Druce and Mrs Wheatley

Litter by the West Gate

One parent had collected a large amount of litter on several occasions from near the West Gate. This rubbish included a lot of the remains from the lolly sale as well as general rubbish that is from the end of day. The solution to this was discussed in detail including the wider problem outside of the school's control. One parent was concerned with the level of after school snacks brought by parents and rubbish resulting from this.

ACTION: Mrs Druce suggested an assembly to highlight the importance of taking your rubbish home and encouraging healthy, considerate habits and also a newsletter piece.

Lego bricks near the All Weather Pitch was raised as a concern as this wasn't near the lego outdoor area. Mrs Druce shared concerned with children unsupervised after school playing on the trim trail and accessing areas that shouldn't be after school.

Award System

A parent asked about the different reward systems, noting how many different ways there were and if the children knew them all. Mrs Druce responded that children were very aware of the different options and it was a wonderful way to reward the fantastic children at this school in many different ways. Mrs Druce outlined Stamford Bear and Buckingham Bear which are whole school based unlike the merit certificates and Golden Jumpers which are class based. These are mentioned in the A to Z Guide of School Life.

ACTION: LD/LW to add Stamford Bear and Buckingham Bear information to the A to Z Guide.

Uniform

A parent raised about stock availability for the bulge year. Mrs Druce reassured that Your School Uniform have a breakdown of the numbers per year and a breakdown of boy/girls. Parents were encouraged to raise any concerns to M&S YSU directly as they respond quickly and are able to make changes to the quality of stock. You can email on :

YSU.query@customersupport.marksandspencer.com or call 0333 014 8418 for any enquiries.

SCOPay (Tucasi) Ordering and School Lunches

A parent raised how convoluted the process is for ordering lunches. It was shared how changes to make the system less laborious and more user friendly and this has been raised with the developers.

A parent asked about how the lunch system and menu choices regarding vegetarian. Mrs Druce outlined the lanyard system to identify vegetarian/allergies etc. As the majority of children do eat

meat, they tend to be offered the meat option first, but children are welcome to eat whatever meal they prefer. Mrs Druce also shared that a certain amount of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are kept back for KS2 so there is still choice.

Extra-Curricular Internal Clubs

Mrs Druce asked the parents experience of the new club system. Parents were very positive of the changes made. A parent asked how clubs are allocated if the choice is for the same day. Mrs Druce outlined the new system for allocation and that everyone had received a club this half term who had wanted one. However, if children wanted to do 2 clubs, which were on the same day, they could apply for both but would only be given one – they can't be in 2 places at the same time! Mrs Druce re-iterated that clubs shouldn't be seen as a child care service but rather an opportunity for children to experience different activities.

A new parent asked about sports and how this was covered. Mrs Druce shared the general practice for sports built in to the timetable, the addition of the Golden Run every day and the opportunities for sports through the clubs at different times in the year. Mrs Druce also outlined the ethos behind the selection of sports teams representing the school and the vision to ensure that by the end of Year 6 every child who would like to represent the school has the opportunity. Details surrounding the Borough Opportunities for Children and the Epsom and Ewell PE and Sport Association, which the school leads on were shared. Mrs Druce also highlighted the school leadership system and new leadership roles of Library Guardians and also the opportunity for Office Experience to complement our leadership opportunities.

A parent asked about the opportunity for sports clubs. Mrs Druce shared that teachers go above and beyond as running extra curricular clubs is beyond their contracted duties. Therefore, teachers run clubs that might interest them or allow the children to benefit from a talent they might have. This also means there is a variety to suit all the children in the school not just sporty children. Clubs have been used across the year not just at one term, so a sport related club for a specific year group may be in a different term.

Parents commented on the much easier approach to new clubs and it being much clearer.

Formatting of Communication from the School

A parent asked whether the communication could be formatted in columns to enable it to be easier to read on a mobile. Mrs Druce shared that the information is sent as a pdf so it can be viewed on any device. Parents view the communication on many different devices and a pdf is best fit for all. Parents appreciated the level of communication received.