

Parent Forum

16/6/09

Sport selection

The review of the current procedures for sports selection was explained.

Suggestions for consideration were:

- To have an A and B team for tournaments sports such as football. Friendly matches could then take place.
- To compare the approach of other schools.
- To ensure places on the team for at least some games for children who show commitment to the sport by attending every practice.
- To have a core of players who always play in matches while others are rested, but all have a place in the squad.
- To have a limit on the number of events that one person can represent the school in.
- To manipulate the team in accordance to the team being played.
- That the children best at sport should receive a high level of coaching.

The general feeling of the group was that there should be opportunity to allow those showing commitment to be involved.

JL and KB to report suggestions back to the 'Sports Working Party'.

Induction

The systems for induction of new pupils to the school were discussed. It was felt that the current Year 6 'Buddy' system is effective and something the children look forward to. The timing of the Year 6 school journey was discussed as it was felt that it could be useful for the children to have a longer time with their buddies before the trip in order for them to settle in and learn all the routines.

It was felt that the transition between Year 3 and Year 4 may be a time when support is needed as this is when the classes are rearranged for the first time.

JL and KB to review the transition procedures for movement from Year 3 to 4 and to research the availability of Manor Adventure for slightly later in the term.

Capital Development Priorities

It was explained that this summer the guttering is being repaired. Ideas for future development included:

- Refurbishment of the second set of toilets
- A new bike shed
- Work to enable the tennis courts to be used

It was felt that the redecoration of the corridors was not a priority.

Suggestions for future development

Communication

It was felt that sending paper letters home is not always effective. It was suggested that letters could be available on the school website and parents could be emailed to inform them of new letters relevant to them. When this has been

suggested previously there was little interest. It was felt that it would be useful to carry out a new survey to establish whether interest has increased.

The idea of a home / school communication book was discussed.

JL and KB to investigate parental opinion.

Cycling

The high demand for the Year 6 cycle safety course was discussed. It was felt that offering safety courses is an effective way of encouraging more children to cycle to school. Mr Trounsen described the course he attended in order to run the safety courses and explained about the limitations on numbers. It was felt that it would be useful if more people were able to qualify to run the courses so that demand could be met.

JL and KB to advertise the position in the school newsletter and in the Parent Partners section of the school website.

Sport

It was suggested that the profile of netball could be raised with children being encouraged to take part in Year 3 and 4. The idea of using the netball posts at lunchtime was discussed in order to give the children more opportunity to practise.

It was felt that football coaching has sometimes been inconsistent. JL discussed the plans to advertise for a sports coach.

Use of netball posts at lunchtime to be discussed with SSA.

Clubs

The group felt that the current system of older children running lunchtime clubs for younger children was successful, It was suggested that the timings of clubs offered to Year 3 children should be considered, e.g. waiting until after September to allow the children time to settle in before having the responsibility of remembering to attend a club.