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Ashby Willesley Parents Forum Minutes

Friday 30th April 2021 – 1.30-2.30pm

Present: Ms C Dilks (CD) Head of School, Mrs R McKeown SLT/Acorn 1, Sharan Watson Governor Link (minutes), LT, MM, NS, VH, RT, JH, CS

Apologies: KS, EW, KW, LL, NM, CS, LB

Minutes from November 2020 – outstanding actions updated: year 5 toilets–full refurbishment; agreed Parent Forum updated philosophy on website.

Feedback to school for staff / events – Positive feedback for Red Nose Day, children really enjoyed (a lot of behind the scenes organisation during Covid safe practices); positive feedback from year 5 and 6 on teaching and learning during home schooling, overall good feedback from all on how well supported home schooling has been; positive feedback on Reading Challenge across all year groups and suggestion that we could have Math Challenge (**Action:** CD to feedback to Miss Tabberer Maths Lead). Planning of Year 4 residential is happening, all event planning is following government guidance.

New member: SW – Welcome to Judith Harwood (year 3 rep)

WASPs – CD / RM – feedback about the amazing contributions that WASPs have made to school community, informed that Clare Bark is stepping down and WASPs in need of a new Chair and new core members to join the committee with organisation skills and commitment, new starters to be encouraged also (**Action:** CS volunteered and forum members to ask their year groups for more volunteers, next WASPs meeting 14/6/21)

Update sun policy / sun hats – CD – “Sunsafe schools” policy has been disseminated, big thanks to WASPs for funding spare sun hats and sun cream for those occasions when a child doesn’t bring any to school.

Year 5 – query over TV being on every lunch time in the classroom (VH) – Action: CD to take back to Year 5, TV has been used in classroom to provide back ground distraction / music to differentiate from class teaching time to lunch time in the class. All children being encouraged rather than some being invited to take part in sports – VH – CD explained that who can attend is prescribed by the events partnership organisers and numbers / teams have been limited due to class bubbles, and enriching children in other areas also.

Year 3 toilets / use and time allowed in class?- MM – CD explained that toilet use timings had been following guidance for separating year groups / bubbles, but now children can go to the toilets when they need to.

Year 2 – could foreign languages be introduced from an earlier age – LM – CD explained that curriculum around languages is nationally driven and followed.

Year 1 – acknowledgement of efforts of teachers / school in last lockdown. Also more information about topics would be helpful to parents to support children moving forward / long term curriculum plan, also any further maths challenges / homework like reading challenges but for maths? -KS/Ceri- CD / RM discussed that all curriculum for the academic year planning is on the school website and that we as Forum members could remind parents / promote where they could look. Discussion around Friday afternoon topics and that learning happens in every lesson. **Action:** CD will also speak with Math Lead about challenges and if we as parents can think of any new topics for challenges to send our ideas into school, promoting positive engagement in homework.

Any other business: None today, CD thanked positive engagement.

Next meeting date Friday 18th June 1.30pm-2.30pm online via Teams