

Woodcocks' Well CE PS

Parent Forum Meeting 14.4.2016 2:15pm

Present: J Massen P Hassall W Sproston E Timmis K Taylor I Lawless Mr & Mrs Knapper J McKie

Minutes

1. To agree minutes of last meeting and discuss matters arising

Mrs Sproston asked at what time the school sign lights are programmed to flash

Action : Mrs Massen to provide information

Halls Road – Tarmac surrounding grid is coming away due to collecting water

Action – Mrs Massen to inform Highways and arrange a post inspection visit

2. Pond Working Party update and Gardening Day

Meeting held 12.4.2016 - Minutes - Discussion and Actions

Health & Safety Considerations –

- fencing (type) i.e. vertical slats with pond dipping platform and pier with fence (incl padlock)
- anti drowning cage was considered however this would limit opportunities for pond dipping

Action: JM to seek advice from CLEAPPS

KW to seek further advice from JHough

Fencing details to be sent to Paul Francis for costing paulfrancis.ltd@gmail.com

Other Actions:

- Set up Gardening Day working with PTA and parents to provide
 - opportunities for children to work in school grounds clearing overgrown areas
 - opportunities for parents to work on pond and other overgrown areas of the school ground
 - Event to extend the gardening day, with the support of the PTA leading an event for children, to 5pm?
- Children to set up a 'Design the school pond' competition
- Invite Nathan Baggaley's father to advise further on pond

Other Ideas:

- Notice Board to sit alongside the viewing platform detailing information about pond life

3. Toddler Group

Parents suggested the following activities for the Toddler Group Session:-

Songs and Actions

Making Music – eg bottles with seeds

Refreshments for parents and children

Outdoor Play

Structured Play – painting etc around a theme

£2 per family

The school requests toy donations for use at the Toddler Group by parents

4. AOB

After School Clubs – Parents requested an increase in the range of after school clubs as follows:-

- Football and athletics
- Clubs for infants

Mrs Massen explained that the clubs listed on the recent letter to parents were those set to commence at the start of the following week and that they would change as we move through the Summer Term

Mrs Knapper suggested parents becoming involved such as a gardening club – this was welcomed by Mrs Massen

Mrs Hassall discussed her idea of starting an after school club for the younger aged children, to begin with, taking on their ideas e.g. gardening / craft so that they have ownership of the activities. The aim is to encourage personal development and Christian values.

School Lunchtime Arrangements:

Mrs Massen outlined the changes in lunchtime arrangements designed to give all juniors, over a period of time, first choice of the school menu by taking an earlier lunch break and returning to afternoon lessons at an earlier time.

Lunch portions were also being more carefully measured to ensure that food cooked is sufficient to serve all children

A packed lunch option was suggested

Monitoring of waste and feedback from children was suggested

Mrs Massen invited members of the parent forum to take up a free lunch and assist with the monitoring of school dinners.

Parents requested that a letter go out requesting that car engines are switched off whilst stationary at the start and end of each day.

Bouquet:

What parents are pleased with:-

- Mrs Timmis - Music at the Easter Service. In particular the piano accompaniment
- Mr Knapper - Ugly Bug Ball enjoyed by his daughter
- Mrs Hassall – The children's enthusiasm observed during lessons and exceptional manners

Meeting closed at 3:15pm