

Parent Council Meeting – November 27th 2017

Present

EB, parents (x4)

1. Welcome and aims of the parent council

EB shared aims of the parent council, namely that the council will plan enrichment opportunities for children across the school, and will plan and organise charity events to raise money for assorted charities. The council will also act as a forum for parents to discuss pressing matters of their choosing and will be used to share information about the school – including achievement data and school priorities.

2. Charity project – December

In December, the Parent Council will run a film screening for charity. Children and parents will be invited to watch a Christmas film, with popcorn and a drink included in the price of the tickets. After deducting costs, all profit will be donated to charity. The chosen charities are Save the Orphans and Samaritan's Purse (Shoebox Appeal). A selection of films will be provided to each class teacher and children will be asked to vote for the film of their choice – the film with the most votes will be shown. Following the choosing of the film, the children will be a homework to design a flyer – the winning flyer will be used to promote the event. A room where parents can leave buggies will be set up to ensure space in the hall is used only for chairs.

Pricing of the tickets will be as follows:

2 seats - £3.50

3 seats - £5

If a parent would like more than 3 seats, the cost will be £5 plus £1 for each additional seat (e.g. 5 seats would cost £7). Confirmed dates of the film screening: December 12th and 13th if a second is required due to high demand.

3. Green Team partnership project

The school has a garden area next to the MUGA pitch which will be used to plant vegetables, the Parent Council (working alongside the Green Team), will plan this and share expertise. The area between the Pavilion and the garages will also be used to plant vegetables. Early suggestions included:

- Planting vegetables that can grow over winter/in cold weather (e.g. garlic/onions)
- Using dustbins to save space and to teach children how to grow vegetables without a garden – potatoes and ground vegetables can be grown this way.
- Planting a fruit tree, such as an apple/pear tree.

The main bulk of the planting will be undertaken in February and March. In the meantime, the two areas will be cleared by EB, Miss Malik and older members of the Green Team (before the Christmas holiday) and in January the Green Team will be invited to work alongside the Parent Council to plan the type and amount of vegetables/fruits that will be planted.

A discussion was also held regarding uses for the fruits and vegetables. Where possible, the grown fruits will be used in school as part of healthy eating units and as snacks for children.

4. Any other business

A parent asked about what WEPA does to ensure reports of bullying are dealt with appropriately. EB shared that the school has a clear behaviour policy that is followed by all staff. Playground supervision exceeds the level required to ensure that children are safe, and some children will be accompanied to play by an adult who sets up games for them. The MUGA pitch and computing suites are also open for clubs each day. For children who struggle with positive interaction with others, the school has a family support worker that works with them, and a behaviour lead that runs social groups. Parents are kept informed of all such developments.

A parent asked about the letter for school photographs, and why Reception children did not receive one. EB will speak to Miss Knight and report back at the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held in January, with a letter to be sent confirming the date and the agenda.