

## Minutes of School Council Meeting

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Present: All except Class 6 and one member of class 12.

Teaching staff: Mrs Chambers and Mrs Parker

We began by discussing the school council notice board and what the children would like to include. The year 5 and 6 children are going to work with Mrs Parker a couple of lunchtimes from 1-1:30. When we decide on a few dates it was agreed that the children could go straight in for their lunch and then work with Mrs Parker during this half an hour.

### **How do we re focus after playtime and lunchtimes? – we revisited this and how it was going.**

Year 2- Come in 5 minutes early and have water and snack on a morning playtime. Children to eat, chat and drink with a 5 minute timer on the board. They would then watch the timer and be expected to be ready to learn. **The children had mixed opinions and have decided through support from the older members that they would like to have snack outside and complete 3 minutes mindfulness in class before learning.**

Year 3- Children to be lined up and quiet before they enter the class. If they talk the school behaviour policy would be followed and children miss a minute of their individual playtime not whole class. Once in class teacher to lead a copying/ clapping game quickly before beginning learning. **They weren't confident with this as they felt that some children were not taken minutes off. They would like to try coming in 3 minutes early and complete 3 minutes mindfulness in class.**

Year 4- Children to come in 3 minutes early and have time to talk with a 3 minute timer on the board. Once the timer had finished they were expected to begin their learning. The behaviour policy would be followed if not and children miss a minute of their individual playtime not whole class. **The children said they have not tried this yet but that they would like to give it a go before reviewing.**

Year 5- Children to be lined up and quiet before they enter the class. They don't want the doors to just be opened and the children walk in chatting. If they talk or take ages to be ready then the school behaviour policy would be followed and children miss a minute of their individual playtime not whole class. **One class thought this was working really well and children were calm when they entered and the majority of the class were ready to learn. The other class felt this was not happening but would really like it to.**

Year 6- Children said that this is not really a problem in their class and generally children come in and re focus well. They supported other year groups with ideas. **Happy, children were generally calm and ready to learn.**

**Behaviour System/ Team Points-** This wasn't on the agenda however children wanted to discuss

Children were generally positive about the system.

There was discussion over the in class rewards. The children expressed the following

Year 2- liked weekly reward.

Year 3- Although they rewarded in class if their team won it sometimes took a while and then if you were off you didn't get it. They would like for children to still receive it.

Year 4- They said that the winning team doesn't always get their weekly reward.

Year 5- One class liked the box of rewards for the team that won. One class aren't receiving anything but they would like to. Talked about a class goal that they enjoyed working towards.

Year 6- working well. They also liked the class goal. One class wanted the reward but felt they didn't get it.

**Local Charity-** We discussed raising money for a local charity. Many of the charities children came up with were national. It was agreed that they would go home and have a look, ask their parents etc. Once they have come back to me with some charities then a questionnaire will be produced and school councillors will ask their classes.

### Lunch times

There was a mixed response to lunches.

Positives	Negatives
Wider choice Tasty food Salad bar was a big hit- can choose what you want and how much. You can choose what you like on the day. Cleaner cutlery More pudding choice Daily specials- burgers. Year 6 get seconds. Children felt listened to from previous discussions	Year 6 don't always get what they want as they have ran out. You only get half a Yorkshire pudding. Not everyone was offered the same e.g some given garlic bread, others weren't. Dirty cups and not enough on tables when older children go in. Paninis were on the menu above the hatch however when they got to the front of the line there were no left so had to go to the back of the other line.

### Question raised

Can school dinners and packed lunches mix during the Christmas lunch? I explained that teachers would be helping to serve the dinners so I wasn't sure however I would find out.

Children were given school council badges and encouraged to look after them as there are no spares.

Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

