

Minutes from Parent Council – 25th May 2018

- Head of school started by discussing what measures had been in place to support maths teaching in the school including accountability for staff and leadership through pupil progress interviews; maths groups changing so that teachers have ownership of classes and more of an emphasis on progress and not just attainment. Parents asked about how we challenge and support children in maths. We have target guided groups for these children which may change daily or even during the lesson due to regular assessment for learning. We have also developed a deeper understanding of the learning stages and use this to challenge pupils in mastery so they have the opportunities to deepen their learning and apply their skills in a range of contexts.
Action: Head of school to send out letter about how to access further maths resources using online homework system.
- Class Two situation discussed where Head of School (HOS) is mentoring student teacher and how this will proceed in the future. HOS explained that all teaching is of a high standard and continually monitored. Since the meeting a letter has gone out to parents explaining that a new teacher (who has previously taught at the school) will be taking over full time for the final 5 weeks and a new teacher has been appointed for a permanent role for September. This is so the HOS can be fully released from class to carry out role effectively.
- Parents wondered if there could be a new system for clubs to ensure every child has an opportunity rather than first come first served. HOS agreed and this will be put in place for next term.
Action: HOS to send out clubs letter highlighting only one club per child is available. Extra places will then be offered on first come first served basis.
- Both school dinner and packed lunches were discussed. The quality of school dinners had been discussed by several parents who had contacted the company. HOS had also contacted the company and since parent council a meeting has been set up between HOS and managers of the company. For packed lunches some children were feeling rushed. HOS explained that 30 minutes was available for the children to finish lunch but if they had not finished they should go into a classroom where a teacher is to finish.
Action: HOS to tell all staff that children can finish lunch in a classroom only if a teacher is present.

Next meeting Friday 20th July : Electronic payment, homework and uniform.