

Parent Reps - 11th October 2019

Here is a summary of the main issues discussed at the meeting of parent reps held on Friday 11th October 2019.

- **Parents' Evening** Parents asked for ideas of how they can support their child at home, particularly in reading. CATS and GL Assessment results (for juniors) were valued and parents asked if the CATS could be shared at parents' evening in the same way as the GL Assessments. There were questions about the timing of parents' evening and why school has to close an hour earlier on one of the two parents' evening days. It was explained that this was done to reduce the burden on teachers, as it is hard to do a full day of teaching and then up to three hours of back to back meetings. The school did apologise for the short notice of Year 6 learning reviews and will announce this further in advance in future.
- **Reports** Parents value the feedback from teachers in their child's report, especially the general comment. Questions were raised about the removal of the effort grade and it was explained that it was hard to do this objectively, a child might be given outstanding for effort one year and good the next, where there was no change in effort but in the teacher's expectations. There was an awareness of the work the teachers put in to the reports and parents felt that teacher workload should be borne in mind. The school will continue to look at ways to ensure the focus of the reports is valuable.
- **Lunch Arrangements** We discussed the new systems for lunches. Most children seemed to be enjoying the new arrangements, although there were some children who preferred to sit only with their own year group. Changes to the system were made after half-term and children seem to be enjoying their new tables.
- **PE Kit** Parents raised concerns about the way children at the juniors now come home at the end of the day in PE kits on the day they have outside sports, especially how it is impacting on children forgetting uniform. It was explained that this change has happened to increase the amount of time children have doing PE, as opposed to changing. Teachers will be reminded to ensure children put their school uniform in their bag when getting changed, and to remind children to take their uniform home with them. From next September, children will be able to wear a school tracksuit and come to school in that.
- **Cake Sales** Parents asked what the money for cake sales would be used for.
 - Nursery (22nd November) Ducklings / Educational Visit
 - Reception (6th March) Ducklings
 - Year 1 (7th February) Zoo Trip
 - Year 2 (10th January) Class Trip
 - Year 3 (6th December) Theatre Workshop
 - Year 4 (28th February) Romans Workshop & Sealife Aquarium London
 - Year 5 (17th January) Theatre Workshop and British Museum Egyptians
 - Year 6 (31st January) Hoodies