

Notes of Parents' coffee morning 2

Notes: Theme - Foundation stage induction/Play	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Chrystal discussed the proposed changes to the induction period for the new Foundation Stage children in September. The fact that the children would be attending either mornings or afternoons rather than alternating was well received by the parents attending. It was felt that this would help considerably with child care arrangements and be less confusing for the children. Parents were also informed that there would be home visits during the first week of term rather than drop in sessions at school and they thought this was a good idea. • Parents would be informed earlier whether their child would be attending for mornings or afternoon 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed the Foundation Stage learning diaries and the value of parental contributions to these. Parents were asked to think of manageable ways of contributing towards these learning journeys and feed them back to school. 	Any ideas from parents to be sent to school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the school grounds to allow more adventurous outdoor play was discussed. The benefits of play in terms of social, problem solving and risk taking for children was discussed and how this would look within the school curriculum. It was noted that this was just the beginning of a long process and there would be more information about it in the future. It was emphasized that play is not a clean or tidy activity and the children could get wet or dirty when participating in outdoor play activities and parents would need to support this. Parents attending recognised that it was often difficult to let their children play freely within the community and welcomed the idea that they could take calculated risks, like climbing, in school. • 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed actions taken from the last meeting and parents were informed that the suggestion box, for coffee morning discussion ideas, is now in the entrance hall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emailing of newsletters is being organised and should be operating soon. - Changes have been made to the organisation and set of a breakfast club in the juniors. It will now include the infants and a pilot will run later in the year. - A calendar is on the website and staff will add details as and when they can. - Set forms for leave of absence, administering of medicines and application forms are now on the website. - 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A parent raised concerns about the amount of cars parking and driving inappropriately near school, particularly at the Fouracre Rd junction. It was noted that there had been a meeting at BHJS where the South Glos Liaison team said they would support a request for a pelican crossing near school and there is funding available. Mrs Chrystal agreed that the school would provide information about the number of children who walk to school and email to to the Liaison team if she was given the email address. Mrs Chrystal also said that she would speak to one of the governors regarding the issue and would put it in the next newsletter.	CC to contact governor and SG liaison team. Parent to provide email address.
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Next meeting 14th May 2009