

Notes of Parents' coffee morning 3

14th May 2009

Notes: Theme - Transition	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Chrystal discussed the transition between year groups within the school. She highlighted the importance of transition, to ensure a smooth move to a new class. The proposed changes and extension to the transition project were outlined and the introduction of a transition week in September 2009. The transition program for the children will start in Wk1 of T6 and the children will take part in a work project starting in Wk 7. Work will continue on this project in September, when the children move to their new class. • As a result of the changes to our transition program parents will be informed of their children's new classes at the beginning of T6. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transition between Y2 and Y3 was outlined by Mrs Long. The changes were outlined, which involve the children spending more time in the juniors. • Some parents had requests regarding meeting their child's Y3 teacher and afternoon playtimes in the juniors. Mrs Long agreed to relay these concerns to Mr John. • We discussed parents view on transition and how they could help their child overcome any concerns regarding their new classes. • It was also proposed that a transition leaflet would be produced by staff and circulated to parents at the beginning of T6. This was welcomed by parents. 	Mrs Long to meet with Mr John.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Chrystal proposed the introduction of a late book, to look for patterns of persistent lateness. • Parents thought that this would be a good idea for the few parents who are persistently late, as this causes disruption to the child involved and to the whole class. 	Mrs Chrystal will inform parents when the book is going to start.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents discussed foundation stage children's playtimes and it was suggested that some form of playground buddy system could be established. It was noted that there are already Y2 playground buddies and Mrs Long agreed that the Y2 children could make sure that the children in other year groups know that they are there to help them, if they need it. 	Mrs Long to organise the Y2 extension of playground buddies.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a request from staff to any parents/grandparents with sewing expertise. We need a new set of costumes for our Christmas productions. Anyone able to help us with this please contact the school office. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have received a suggestion from one of our governors asking us to gauge support for an afterschool 'French Club'. There would be a charge for this club as it is run by an outside agency. This idea was well received by parents attending so Mrs Chrystal agreed to send letters to parents to see the volume of support for this club. • A parent commented that afterschool clubs tend to run on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at present. They asked if clubs could also be run on other nights to enable more children to attend. Clubs tend to run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays because staff find these days most convenient, as there are fewer after school meetings on these days. The point was noted and if clubs are being organised by outside agencies other days could be considered. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder was given to parents to PLEASE CLOSE THE SIDE GATES when you leave the school grounds in the morning as they are often left open and this could cause a security risk for children. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Next meeting 25th June</u> • Please place any agenda/discussion items for this meeting in suggestion box, which is in reception. 	