Notes of Parents' coffee morning 3 - 28th Jan10

Notes: Theme - Foundation stage induction/Play	Action
• Mrs Chrystal discussed the renewal of our Healthy School Status and the need for the children to think about what constitutes a healthy, balanced lunchbox; as we are finding that some lunches contain lots of processed foods and snacks that are not that healthy. • We discussed how to share ideas for healthy snacks and lunches and Mrs Chrystal agreed to ask for ideas in her next news letter. • The Friends of school are also considering creating a school recipe book which could incorporate a healthy snack/lunch section. This would be a fund raising item. • It was suggested that the school council will discuss what is a healthy snack and how we can encourage healthy snacks • It was noted that the there are different messages from the junior school regarding what is acceptable as a healthy snack and lunch. Mrs Long agreed to liaise with the junior school to ensure we are saying similar things. • It was also noted that we should encourage children to drink more water in school and this will be included in the healthy eating work.	Cc TL
• Mrs Chrystal – suggested that we should include waterproof leggings and jackets as part of our school uniform, particularly for the foundation stage, but it would be useful throughout the school. This was well received by parents and will be added to the list of uniform for the new intake in September. We are also looking into changing our uniform provider before the new school year. We will let you know as soon as it has been organised. We discussed the need for more pegs to store waterproofs and this will be looked into.	TL
• The Governors have approved phase 1 of the playground redevelopment and work will start on this very soon. It will involve redeveloping the conservation area and resurfacing the area between the conservation area and the timber trail, to make it an all weather surface. The parents thought this was a good idea. Parents may be asked during future phases to help prepare the ground work or move or demolish fences etc. If any parents would be willing to help in this way please let Mrs Hulm know.	
• Mrs Chrystal discussed the snow days and school closures and let parents know the criteria for closing the school which are; primarily the safety of the children, the number of staff on site or the number who can get to school and the safety of the access paths around the school.	
• We will be trialing a text messaging service with the view to subscribing to it annually, this will enable us to contact all parents via text message should we need to close the school or cancel a club. The parents present thought this was a very good idea. More information will be sent home about this service.	

Next meeting 18th March @2.30pm