

Notes of Parents' coffee morning

24th September 2009

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Long welcomed everyone and invited parents to volunteer to be a class representative for their child's class. The representative will be asked to promote dates of events and pass on information to other parents. Thanks to those parents who volunteered:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Giraffe Class: Mrs Dickens○ Zebra Class: Mrs Ralph○ Penguin Class: Mrs Houghton○ Lion Class: Mrs Ford○ Dolphin Class: Mrs Lush○ Leopard Class: We still need a volunteer please.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Long asked everyone for ideas for discussion, and reminded parents that there is a suggestion box in reception.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents were invited to look at the Attending School leaflet which is currently in draft form. Parents views are welcomed. Mrs Long said that while Head Teachers are very understanding, no holiday will be authorised in Term 1 (because it is the time when children are settling in to their new class routines) or Term 5 (because it is when assessments are carried out).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Long talked about lateness in the mornings. It is not a big problem in our school, but from tomorrow we will have a late book in the office, which parents will need to sign if children arrive in school after 9.00am	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barnardoes are offering a 12 week referral service to help parents with parenting skills or any other concerns they may have relating to the challenge of being a parent.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent helpers in school. Mrs Long thanked everyone who gives up their time to help in school. All volunteers will be contacted to come to a meeting to learn about helping in school. CRB checks, which are essential before anyone helps in school, now have to be paid for by the school and cost £15.00.• Friends of School. The AGM was held last night and the first	

<p>committee meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm in school. The new committee asked Mrs Long to pass on the message that anyone who would like to be involved with the committee is invited to attend. The FoS carry out fantastic fund raising events, so please support them if you can.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Buddy Bench is now in the playground, as discussed at the last meeting. It is rainbow coloured thanks to our artistic caretaker. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Hulm informed everyone of the exciting news that our playground is going to be developed, with the support of the Grounds Committee, which consists of parents, governors and teachers. Michael Follett, who is the advisory teacher for outdoor play for South Gloucestershire, will be coming to give a talk in school on Tuesday 20th October from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. He is a very engaging and interesting speaker and Mrs Hulm encouraged all parents to attend. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Next meeting Thursday 26th November 9.00am</u> • Please place any agenda/discussion items for this meeting in suggestion box, which is in reception. 	