

# Notes of Parents Coffee Meeting

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Theme: School Photos/ Parental computer skills	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Chrystal asked the parents their views about having the individual school photographs taken in casual clothes? Lots of parents thought that it would be good to have the photos taken in casual clothes especially where there are younger siblings, but some parents commented that they would like the first school photo to be taken in school uniform. It was decided that in future, that parents would be given the choice to wear casual clothes or uniform for the individual photos taken during the spring term.</li> <li>• We also discussed the fact that we would be changing the style of the end of term class photo. This year the photo would be less formal and the children would be posed for the photo. School uniform would still be worn for this photo.</li> <li>• A parent suggested that perhaps the school photographer may be able to take family photos as fund raising activity either after school or on a Saturday morning. The school offered to look into this for next year.</li> </ul>	Cc
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has recently contributed to the conversion of the junior school ICT suite and this is now available for use by the community. Mrs Chrystal asked the parents if they had any computer training needs, as it could be arranged for tutors to run training at the juniors. The parents present were interested in finding out more about the computer software that the children use in school. Mrs Chrystal agreed to look into what could be arranged. Parents were also told that they can subscribe to the Education City programs, that are used by the children, at home.</li> </ul>	Cc
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plans for the playground redesign are now being displayed in the main entrance hall, for those who would like to see them.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We discussed the planned kitchen addition to the Elliott building and the need to run an after school club to justify the use of our extended school budget. 2 parents said they would be interested in helping run a cookery club for the children. The kitchen would also be available for parents to organise their own cookery lessons/demonstrations in the afternoons.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We discussed the provision of our uniform again and the provider will be changed before the summer term. One parent commented that a shop in Cleeve Hill would embroider sweatshirts and provide uniform; we are also looking at the Initially Yours provider in Hambrook. We also discussed whether track-suit bottoms would be a better, than traditional school trousers, for school uniform. After a lot of discussion it was thought that school trousers look smarter and if we include wet weather gear in our school uniform then trousers should not get too dirty/damaged during playtimes. It was thought that jogging bottoms would be a good addition to our PE kit especially if the children are using the outdoor area.</li> </ul>	TL