



Bromley Heath Infant School

Parent Coffee Meetings

29th September 2011



In attendance: approx: 30 parents.

Actions so far:

- We have taken action to label the external doors particularly for Grandparents who were not aware of which classes they had to go to collect children.
- We have tried to alternate Parents Coffee Meetings so that more people can attend (am and pm).

Class Reps 2011-12

- **Lions: Mrs Houghton**
- **Penguins: Mrs Hague**
- **Dolphins: Mrs Douglass**
- **Leopards: Mrs Wilson** Thank you ☺

Transition

Many parents felt that the transition from Year1-2 and 2-3 had gone well. It was nice for the children to meet their new teacher and spend some time with them in made all the difference.

It was discussed that not mixing the classes had been helpful so the children still had their friends to go to the next year group with.

Mrs Long did share that this year classes were not mixed but on occasions classes may have to be mixed as and when it is necessary but that parents would be informed if this were ever the case.

Parents also asked if we were still doing Pyramid club as that worked really well and buddy systems.

Mrs Long asked that if a parent felt their child needed a little more support with a transition then they should let staff know so that they may support that child individually.

Actions:

Miss Baker to send out to parents a transition questionnaire at the end of Term 1.

Play Equipment

Mrs Long shared that it was nice to see more parents and children staying and using the play equipment after school. Parents can stay up until 3:45pm after school and use this equipment with their child/ren.

Parents asked about the water in the play area and the fact that this was causing a hazard and water was not draining away.

Mrs Long shared that a blockage has been cleared so in future this should not cause a problem.

Parents discussed the use of the rope swings outside, particularly after school. Mrs Long shared that soft matting could be more dangerous as it may promote to the children that they can jump off the swings.

Actions:

Mrs Long to talk to children in an assembly about using the rope swings and how to use

them safely.

Texts/E-mails

Parents talked about how e-mail for some was tricky as occasionally the letters were not identified for each class. E-mails were ok for newsletters and letters that did not require a response or reply slip. Mrs Long shared that parents did not always have to print slips off but could e-mail them straight back to Mrs Dodge. Parents also discussed that they were not always able to check their e-mails daily.

Actions:

As a school we are going to continue to send e-mails and texts and will monitor how parents are feeling about this system. If there are any parents that would prefer to have a paper copy then could they let Mrs Dodge know in the office and then this can be arranged.

Reading

Mrs Long asked parents if there was any support they would like on reading as this is something we are trying to develop within school. Some parents were unsure about the colour coding and asked for some clarification. It was also asked that during Parents Consultations could staff share with parents where their child is on the reading scheme/levels.

Actions:

Mrs Long to e-mail parents with a list of the colour bands and their order.
Mrs Long to discuss with staff about future parent consultation meetings.

**Date of next Parent Coffee Meeting: Wednesday 23rd
November 2011, @2:30pm (School hall)**

We look forward to seeing everyone again!