

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes 03.05.2019**

Attendees: Mr Ashley Jones, Mel Keat, Fritha Hassell, Kat Hodge, Chris Hidson, Lynsey Conacher

Apologies: Mrs Platt, Laura Stevens, Helen Polley

### **Swimming Pool**

- At the end of term 6 there will be a general letter sent out with regards to the pool. The school are aiming to raise £50K over the next few years.
- There will be a parent survey which will then dictate the strategy for the swimming pool starting in September.
- As suggested in our last meeting, there will be an open week in June for parents to come and watch their children take part in swimming lessons during the school day.
- The PC agreed that parents need to be informed about the running costs of the pool and the refurbishment required, this would then encourage more parents to pay for the swimming lessons their children have in school time.
- It was agreed that more publicity is needed to promote the swimming pool to parents outside of the Joy Lane community.
- It was discussed that the FB page for the swimming pool needs to give more information to potential new parents about timings and ability groups for lessons.
- It was suggested that local media could help publicise the pool refurbishment.

**Action – Mr AJ to speak to Rob Dowling, Swimming Pool Manager about updating FB**

### **Snack Shack**

- After the issues raised in our last meeting, information about the snack shack is going out in today's newsletter explaining what's on offer and to celebrate the success of the snack shack and the money which has been raised to buy new playground equipment.

### **Dojos' and letters to parents**

- Not all parents know how to get the full potential from the Dojo app so it was agreed that an update needs to go out in the weekly newsletter with Top Tips on how to use it.

### **Sharing Afternoon**

- There was some confusion and upset in reception classes during the last sharing afternoon when parents had to leave the classroom and come back in to pick up their children which caused some children distress.
- It seems that reception parents are not aware of this procedure and need to be informed prior to the next sharing afternoon on 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- This will enable them to prepare their children to say goodbye to their parents for a short while before they are collected from school.

**Next meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9am**