

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes 08.3.19**

Attendees: Mrs Ashley Jones, Mrs Platt, Laura Stevens, Lynsey Conacher, Mel Keat, Fritha Hassell, Helen Polley

Apologies: Chris Hidson, Kat Hodge

### **Swimming Pool**

- The Friends of Joy Lane have offered £10K towards the refurbishment of the swimming pool
- There is now a swimming pool committee who will be working on other fundraising opportunities
- They are putting together a letter for local business sponsorship which the Parent Council have agreed to help to distribute
- There could also be parents who are potential sponsors or who may have businesses who can help with the refurbishment who will be approached directly by the school
- It was suggested that perhaps there could be a 'Sharing Session' at the pool for parents to come in and watch their children swim
- There is also potential for pool usage during weekends and school holidays in order to maximise revenue for the pool

### **School lunches**

- Fritha requested the chance for parents/carers to have school lunches with their children in order to be more aware of the choices available and how their child responds
- This is logistically difficult due to the amount of space available
- There was also a comment in the Post Box from an unhappy parent who had been unaware that chips were being served twice in one week before the half term holiday – this was due to chips being served on the Tuesday when the Japanese visitors were having lunch as well as a staff training day on the Friday which moves chips to a Thursday – it was a one off and parents will be notified in the newsletter and FB page if there are any other changes to the school menu

### **Parent Council Post Box**

- There were several letters in the post box but they were anonymous so difficult to let the sender know the outcome of their request
- It was agreed that, unless an email address has been provided, there will be a Parent Council box in the weekly newsletter once a term letting parents know what issues have been raised and the agreed response

### **Year One Spellings**

- A parent from the early years had remarked on the font used in Rainbow Spellings cards as certain letters are 'double storey' making it hard for their child to read
- It was suggested that the parent re-write the words at home for their child

- Mr AJ will speak to Mrs Harkins about this and perhaps when worn out/lost Rainbow Cards are replaced a font with single storey letters can be used

### **Snack Shack**

- Another issue raised by a parent was the selling of non-edible products at the snack shack such as stationary and small toys
- It was agreed that Mr AJ would discuss and review what is sold at the snack shack to prevent issues such as children losing money, requesting more money from home or borrowing/lending from others

**Next Meeting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9am**