

**Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

School lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are choosing their own menu each day and this is going well.</li> <li>• Parents gave positive feedback from children in all key stages re the new system and the quality of the menu</li> <li>• School are purchasing new logos and trollies for the dining room</li> <li>• It was suggested that we may be more stringent in checking lunchboxes. Some children bringing packed lunch are taking home food. Parents thought that this may impact on learning in the afternoon. Also some parents worry that children are going a long time without nourishment and are very hungry at the end of the day. We will ensure that lunchboxes are checked. Parents understand that we will not force a child to eat if they do not want to</li> <li>• Online payments are going well. The majority of parent/carers are now making on-line payments for lunches</li> <li>• A parent asked if there was a way of parents checking what their child had eaten for lunch that day. Mrs Holloway will investigate this</li> </ul>
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was some concern raised about entry/exit doors being left unsupervised in the mornings when children are arriving in school. It was felt that some children might leave the school without an adult realising as Teachers and TA's are busy in class.</li> <li>• School will ensure that doors are "manned" by a member of staff in the mornings and locked promptly to ensure children are safe. There will be a member of staff by the Foundation cloakroom doors, the bottom door by Penguins classroom, the red foyer door (KS1) and the door by Stingrays classroom.</li> </ul>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided reading and individual reading was discussed. School are about to purchase new reading books for Key Stage 1 and parent/carers will be given more information on reading next term.</li> </ul>
Behaviour and Rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The red book which is used to remind Key Stage 1 pupils about behaviour at the end of playtimes is only used for short periods of time as and when. If a child's name is recorded in the book they have to reflect on their behaviour and write a sorry note at lunchtime which only takes a very short time. It was made clear to parents that children are not kept in for the whole of lunch break.</li> </ul>
Starfish and Seahorses Forest school sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents appreciated that these sessions are not on the same day as PE. When this was the case children had a lot of changing clothes to manage in one day.</li> </ul>
New playground equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School is purchasing new play apparatus for Key Stage 1 play area. This will replace the existing climbing structures. The first stage of the work is planned for the Summer break. We are grateful to the Friends for recent fundraising which will go towards the purchasing of the equipment.</li> </ul>