

# School Council Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## 1. Welcome

Mrs Willing welcomed everybody and especially Mrs Field who is a governor of the school.

## 2. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Sewn on badges - The children need to decide on a design for their badges. A selection was passed around and one was chosen.

**ACTION - Mrs Cain will look into how much and order.**

Playground - should be finished for the new term weather permitting. Lots of other items will be appearing in the school grounds - ball wall, traverse wall.

Lunchtime - this is now sorted although on occasion the children are still queuing.

**ACTION - Mrs Willing will check this.**

Disco - this is happening on Thursday.

Collection for Mr Ford - this will start after Easter. Mrs Willing will write a letter and suggested that year 5 write one as well.

**ACTION - Mrs Willing and Year 5 to write letters.**

Year 6 maths day - Joe has spoken to Mrs Clarke but hasn't seen Mrs Alden yet.

**ACTION - year 6 to follow up**

New Headteacher - everyone was pleased with the appointment of Mr Barnes.

## 3. Year 1

The Decking - Things keep falling through the decking. There is a gap where the decking meets the wall.

**ACTION - Mrs Willing to speak to Charlie**

The Adventure Playground - Children keep falling off the stepping stones. Could they be covered in a non-slip material? Also need a notice to say 'be careful in wet weather'.

**ACTION - Mrs Cain to make a notice.**

- **Mrs Willing to look into non-slip material.**

Bins in Playground - need emptying more frequently. Mrs Willing is looking into getting new bins. Maybe the children could help her chose.

**ACTION - Joe to see Charlie about emptying bins more often**

- **Mrs Willing to choose new bins.**

#### **4. Year 2**

Water Bottle holders - have any been ordered.

**ACTION - Mrs Cain to speak will speak to Mrs Clitheroe about ordering holders.**

Worries about playtime and having rules - people get hurt because of fighting, hitting etc on the end of the field. Joe asked if anyone had any ideas. After a general discussion it was decided that maybe a group of sensible year 5s could become playground monitors who would report to the adult on duty anything they notice at playtime. They would not have any power to intervene. Having playtime rules that can be displayed was thought to be a good idea.

**ACTION - Year 5 to discuss with Mr Aldren the possibility of a group being Playground Monitors.**

**ACTION - All council members to go back to class council and discuss playground rules and then give their suggestions to Mrs Willing for discussion at the next meeting.**

#### **5. Year 3**

Bad Language - Children in year 5/6 swear when playing football and swapping cards. It was decided that 'NO SWEARING' needs to be added to the playground rules. Some children felt that no one would take notice. Mrs Field wondered if there could be a swear box with pupils being fined 5p each time they swear. A vote was taken and this was agreed.

#### **6. Year 5**

Football goals - year 5 would like bigger ones. The little ones could be used for the infants. Joe thought there might be more goals in the PE shed. He will speak to Mrs Clarke. Mrs Willing thought maybe some of the Sainsburys vouchers could be used on goals although there is space issue. Lucas suggested the big goals could go on the field. The top playground will be having a netball court, twister and hopscotch so there will be lots of other things to do.

**ACTION - Joe to see Mrs Clarke.**

#### **7. Year 6**

Climbing wall - the handholds on the adventure playground climbing wall are loose. Mrs Willing explained that there will be a new traverse wall for climbing along. There is a picture on the notice board if anyone would like to have a look. This will go where the tyres are at the moment.

Newspaper - It was suggested at the recent Rother Valley School Council meeting that a year 6 newspaper would be a nice idea. After a general discussion it was decided this was a good idea depending on cost. Year 6 will speak to Mrs Clarke.

**ACTION - Year 6 to speak to Mrs Clarke.**

## **8. Playground Update**

The playground and grounds development will begin in the Easter Holidays. A Pathway will be put in from near the decking to the outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom will be open- sided and can be used at playtimes and for some lessons. Steps will be put in where the bank is damaged by the maze. The ball wall will go in opposite Mrs Clarke's classroom. Next to the outdoor classroom there will be a quiet area. Outside the Children's Centre there will be raised vegetable beds. The bicycle racks are already in place with more to follow. Most of this work will take place in the Easter Holidays and early next term.

Date for next meeting is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 - with biscuits and juice!