

School Council

18/11/14

Present

MB, JH, JC, BD, AH, LP, CM, AH, TS, AY

Apologies

MD DLD (visiting Bishop Barrington School)

1. Behaviour and Safety in school

Behaviour is much improved. Less incidents of children distracting each other in classrooms. Mrs Norman informed children the staff are starting to train on something called restorative approaches which should help in cases where children fall out with each other. Mrs Norman has sources suggestion boxes. Shown these to children. Mr Orwin to fit these around the school for classes and parents. Worry boxes still in hand but more access to Miss Bell has been arranged and children able to talk directly to Mrs Norman if they have any worries or concerns. Mrs Norman has tried to source buddy training but is still waiting to hear from the BALE Centre to see if they can provide this.

1a. Lunchtimes

Choice menus working well but children are not all being responsible with their wrist bands. Some have lost them, some have swapped them, some have snapped them and some children have been silly and put them into the toilets. Mrs Norman suggested we try giving out bands in the hall – lunchtime staff or teachers – and that they are left in the hall before children go out to play. All agreed it would be good to give this a try. Children like the “top” table idea but say that some children are silly and because they’ve been chosen for the week their behaviour is allowed to be that way. Mrs Norman suggested introducing lunchtime trophies for behaviour, so encouraging children to behave better that will link with dojo points. Mrs Norman will also speak to lunchtime staff about childrens behaviour whether they’re on the “top” table or not.

2. Ideas for improvements

Children like the lunchtime trophy idea. Pets have been purchased for every classroom. Children suggested parents might like to be involved in the care of pets over the weekend and holidays. Mrs Norman to ask teachers to organise this. No further improvements suggested at this time – although children still want worry boxes for classrooms.

2a. Play Trail

All monies made from the PTA Christmas fair will go towards the funds for the play trail. Y4, Y5 and Y6 school councillors asked to source which pieces of equipment they would like in the play trail and find prices so that PTA have a figure in mind to aim for.

3. Anything else to discuss

Nothing further on this occasion.

Next Meeting

Friday 23rd January morning