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Parents' Forum Minutes 25.5.23 at 9.00

- Welcome

Present: Frankie Spinks, Claire Peplow, Janine Windle, Kathryn Herschell, Claire Harmsworth, Tracey Harford, Louisa Wilson & Cath Hollis

- Minutes of the last meeting

Shared, matters arising:

The SMILERS launch is tomorrow at 2.30, the Anti-Stigma Ambassadors (A.S.A.) have planned the event and have prepared their stalls. It is based on the seven steps to well-being

Support

Move

Interest

Look

Eat well

Rest

Stay Connected

The A.S.A are completing their training.

TH said that her grandchild had found it important and stuck to it

LW has encouraged all 22 children to attend each week, they are from years 3,4 and 5

The plan is for them to work alongside the Mental Health Team consisting of Louisa, Deb J, Claire H, Claire P and Carly M.

- Parents' Survey results and discussion

Copies of the recent survey were shared

The group felt it was largely positive and a chance to communicate any issues, there would always be something to improve on

KH was reassured that any bullying was dealt with



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Community Award



Cath H explained about the new process to identify bullying, the involvement of Louisa and Claire Harmsworth

LW said it was important to build relationships so children can move on

Cath H said children were encouraged to use their voice

CP said it was about building resilience

Claire H said it was about teaching the children to be future adults and nipping anything in the bud

FS said that if parents came to meet the teacher and read the information, they would know what their child was learning and what the expectations were. Lots of information on the newsletter too.

LW - need to encourage parents to check the website for information

JW - feels that if her child is happy and progressing, then things are ok.

Cath H brought up the issue of children wearing trainers instead of school shoes

JW is trialling a cheap school shoe

The group mentioned the following as ok for shoes:

Sports Direct

Sainsburys

Monkey Shoe (discontinued lines)

Sara Mart on Vinted

Shoe Zone - shoes did not last

'Rate my shoe' was also suggested as an idea to help parents

Claire H - felt that the info on the newsletter about asking for help if struggling with uniform was helpful

CP - felt that sometimes parents felt they were failing if they had to ask for help

Cath H - said there would be a sale of non-logo uniform after half term and then logo items would be sold on Enterprise day.

- Parking - issues and Pledge suggestion

LW explained that the Travel Plan was about how parents and staff get to school and learning for our children. Information is put on to the Modeshift

Stars website and a plan is created. Events such as Bikeability, Scooter Day etc have come from this

The village hall car park closure was mentioned and one of the Governors, Jay Hawkins had contacted them - they were unable to offer a solution

LW said that some schools had a parking pledge and examples were shared

JW - felt it was a good idea but those parents who continue to drop off on the zig-zags or at the top gate would not take notice.

Claire H said that many people didn't realise that they are not allowed to park where there is a solid white line - like the one on the bend to Linton Heath or at the bus stops

Parking at the Brick Room is a struggle, as is the low sun coming up the hill and there has already been an accident due to this.

LW - children are encouraged to come by scooter and bike, so that parents who have to come by car park further away.

A walking bus from Rickman's Corner/ Red Lion was discussed. Both CP and KH would be willing to wait to bring other children.

CP - some schools do a 'loan a drive' scheme

Cath H said that Dan Pegg, local Councillor was coming to a Governors' meeting to discuss parking.

LW said that the Modeshift Stars is capable of mapping parking places and even any drives on offer. She has spoken to the Scooter Guy along with Mr Hawkins. It is worth surveying parents and carers to see how far they are having to travel.

CP and TH both enjoy the walk with their children

LW shared the results of the travel survey

40% children come in the car

Quite a lot want to walk/ ride / scoot to school

A bikers/ walkers' breakfast was suggested or 'Walk on Wednesday'

KH was concerned about crossing Hillside Road and would be interested in raising it with Dan Pegg.

LW said the walking route would have to be a known route for Linton Parents.

A MS Forms asking parents about a walking bus and the parking pledge could be sent out.

Meeting with Andrea, the PCSO was suggested

JW suggested getting 'Pupil Voice' outside school would discourage parents from dangerous dropping off

AOB

LW - said that RSE Day will be extended to a week w/c 26.6.23

The theme is 'Let's launch into kindness'

Last year we did the Cereal box domino run, this year we are going to offer 'bags of kindness' to local residents, asking children for donations.

We will also create a 'Rocket of kindness' where parents/ carers can share how their child has been kind/ helpful

The group also asked about dogs on site, as some children are scared and long leads at the gate can cause a hazard.

Cath H confirmed that Dogs were not allowed on site unless they were being carried (children often want to share a new puppy with their teacher)

She would remind parents about dogs.

Parents had asked for important end of term dates in advance ie Leavers' Assembly etc

Also, to help our neuro-diverse children, it would be helpful to parents to know which class their child was going to be in.

Cath H said that classes would be shared on this week's newsletter and then parents would be informed of their child's class on the Friday before move up day. Children would still be told the day before.