

School Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Agenda:

- Election of Officers
- This year's charity
- Foodbank donations
- Celebration Assemblies
- Birthdays
- Positive Lunchtimes
- Harvest Assembly
- Playtimes
- Shoeboxes
- Outdoor Classroom
- Safety questionnaire
- Wellbeing
- AOB
- Date and time of next meeting

Those present:

- Ralph
- Libby
- Robyn
- Olivia
- Edith
- Max
- William
- Emie
- Mia
- Sonny
- Amber

Election of Officers

- Emie was voted in as Chairperson.
- William, Mia and Sonny are all Vice Chairs.
- Mrs Jones is the Clerk.

This Year's Charity

- After some discussion, the children decided that they would like to support Children in Need again this year. The date is Friday 17th November.
- Mrs Jones agreed to a non-uniform day with a Pudsey/spots/bright colours theme. Children will be asked to bring in a donation (£1 suggested) for wearing non-uniform.
- Members to talk to Mrs Fenn about her baking cakes or biscuits to sell.

Foodbank Donations

Discussion about what a foodbank is and why they are needed. Many people struggle to feed their families and rely on the support of foodbanks.

- Last year, we collected money for the Downham Market foodbank as part our harvest celebrations and the School Council agreed they would like to collect items for them once again.
- It was agreed that we would invite everyone to 'bring a tin' to school again this year on Monday 16th October.
- Mrs Jones to contact the Foodbank to see if Class 4 members can visit the foodbank to take the donations.
- A representative from the Foodbank is coming into school on Friday 22nd September – Class 4 members to meet with him.

Celebration Assemblies

- The members all agreed that it was a good idea to invite parents/carers to our Friday celebration assemblies.
- They agreed that it would not be possible to inform parents when their children are going to receive a certificate.

Birthdays

- The members all liked the new wearing non-uniform on birthdays. Libby had enjoyed this last week. Discussed the importance of wearing sensible footwear.
- Amber said that this might not be a good idea on school trip days. Members all agreed that children could wear non-uniform the following day to make it safer for school trips.

Positive Lunchtimes

- Discussion about how we could make lunchtimes more positive.

- Some ideas included children sitting on the same table as their friends, mixing hot and packed lunches in the first sitting, Child of the Day choosing where they want to sit in the lunch hall, some children in Class 3 helping to give out lunches in the second sitting and having a table of the week.
- Mrs Jones said that she would like to do a lunchtime walk with some of the members to see what could be improved. Libby, Amber, Edith and Robyn all wanted to be involved.

Harvest Assembly

- Mrs Jones informed the members that we are having a Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 18th October. All are welcome.

Playtimes

- Mrs Jones said that there were too many balls out at breaktimes, and this wasn't safe.
- Mia and Sonny to sort through the equipment with Miss Waters. All agreed there should be one main football, a netball and a smaller ball for shooting goals.
- Sonny mentioned the dips in the goals. He will talk to Mr Cawley about filling these.
- Members wanted Mrs Jones to remind people in assembly about not running across the football pitch as they could get hurt by the ball.

Shoebboxes

- School Council members to remind classes about donating items for the shoebox appeal.
- Items need to be sent in by the end of half term.
- Mrs Jones to contact Howard from the Rotary Club about talking to the children about the appeal in Collective Worship.

Outdoor Classroom

- Mrs Jones explained that we are trying to raise money for an outdoor classroom and Noah's mum has helped us to apply for a grant.
- Children agreed to arrange a non-uniform day this half term to raise money for this.

Safety Questionnaire

- Mrs Jones explained that she wanted to send out a safety questionnaire.
- All members agreed we would keep the same questions as last year.
- This will be done electronically again.

Wellbeing

- Mrs Jones asked how children were settling back into school and about their wellbeing.
- The children were positive and enjoying being back at school.
- Mrs Jones explained that Pip the Reading Dog is starting tomorrow.

AOB

- Discussion about having school pets – the members were very enthusiastic about this. Class 4 wrote to different pet shops to ask for donations. Discussion about what pets would need. Mrs Jones to talk to Mr Cawley.
- Mia suggested having chocolate milk or a cold option instead of hot chocolate in the summer.

Date and Time of next meeting: Friday 24th November at 1.15pm in the library.