

**Parents' Voice minutes****Date: 6/3/17**

Item	School response
<p><b>Issues brought from parents: Water</b>            Some parents are concerned that the children are not drinking enough at school.            Asked if:            Cups could be available in each class            Allocated drinks breaks            Texts home to those parents whose children don't have a bottle            Jug of water on table at lunch time</p>	<p>Drinks breaks need to be left to individual teacher's discretion to limit interruptions to learning but children are encouraged to drink regularly during the day and can have a drink if they ask for one.            Texts sent only if drinks bottle is persistently left at home so parents aren't sent too many texts &amp; Mrs Barter is not interrupted too often.            Mrs Wilkinson to check that water is available at lunchtime.            Staff will discuss cups at next Staff Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Issues brought from parents: Lunches</b>            Parents still concerned that children might be rushing their lunch &amp; not being given enough time to eat.            The issue of children being given 'black marks' for not eating their lunch was also raised.</p>	<p>The new timetable is now in place and is being continually reviewed and assessed. The older pupils in particular now have more time to eat their lunch.            Mrs Wilkinson has discussed behaviour strategies with lunchtime supervisors. There has not been a use of 'black marks' and the supervisors try to ensure that a positive approach is taken i.e. stickers for pupils eating well</p>
<p><b>Issues brought from parents: Communication</b>            Parents felt there was confusion over changes in school such as:            Lunchtime/afternoon break changes            Anticipated visitors to school            Information given to pupils in Assembly            Parents children dropping off bags before school            Could the date be put on the newsletter?            Could minutes of Parents' Voice be available on notice board &amp; on website?</p>	<p>Decisions about changes within the school day are made by the Headteacher and staff and are reviewed in staff meetings. Parents will not always be informed of these changes.            However information about visitors &amp; assemblies (NSPCC/e-safety) was given in the Newsletter. Pupils were also provided with information leaflets to take home about e-safety &amp; the NSPCC, both of which are part of the school's continuous safeguarding work.            Due to safeguarding issues the side door is now locked before school and at the end of the school day so pupils will not be able to drop off their bags early.            The date will now be put on the newsletter.            The minutes of Parents' Voice will be available on notice board &amp; on website.</p>
<p><b>Issues brought from parents: Clubs</b>            Is it possible to have more club sessions in a term/run clubs for longer?</p>	<p>The teachers do give up their time voluntarily to run clubs and we feel that running 8 sessions a term gives the pupils a good opportunity to try a club out and stick with it over a number of weeks. We change the clubs termly to try and give different opportunities and allow different children a chance to attend. We have also bought in experts in cricket and dance to run clubs for us and give the children wider opportunities. The school pays for these clubs and we don't ask parents to contribute so that all children are given a chance to attend them.</p>

<p><b>Lunches</b> – there will be a new menu from 20<sup>th</sup> March and the school is inviting feedback from parents/pupils.</p>	
<p><b>School Values</b> The school’s current value is Forgiveness and parents are encouraged to tell the school if their children demonstrate any of the values at home.</p>	<p>Mrs Wilkinson has been delighted by the number of children who have been nominated &amp; their actions have been celebrated at school.</p>
<p><b>Working party</b> - 9<sup>th</sup> April Any helpers will be welcome to the Working Party which is helping with jobs around school at 10:00am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b> Some parents were unable to speak to their class representative.</p>	<p>As the article in the newsletter said, parents are encouraged to talk to any of the parent reps and can e-mail concerns to be raised to the school office. We will repeat this information in next newsletter.</p>