

 **THE COPPICE PARENT FORUM**

 **10th May 2022**

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| Please feel free to speak to one of the parent representatives if there is anything you would like discussed at the next meeting. If you are free, you are welcome to come along and join us!  |
| Lindsey Ashwell | Deputy Headteacher | *Present*  |
| Jenny F | **Nursery**: Alfie **5W**: Erin | *Present* |
| Vikki D | **1B**: Isabelle **3KP**: Ellie  | *Present* |
| Philippa H | **2A:** Cooper  | *Apologies sent*  |
| Alison N | **4J:** Matthew **6C**:Sam | *Apologies sent*  |
| Angela L | **5W**: Hollie | *Present* |
| Kelly B | **5W**: James | *Present* |
| Donna H | **5W:** Jaiden | *Present* |

**Agenda items / Minutes from the meeting:**

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| **1) Welcome**Thanks to previous parents and new parents who came along to the forum today. |
| **2) Minutes from last meeting**Minutes from the last meeting were shared. |
| **3) Parent Questionnaire** The parent questionnaire was shared last week and parents have until this Friday to complete and return. Forum representatives were encouraged to complete it. They were also asked to remind other parents about the questionnaire and encourage them to come and speak to a member of SLT if thet have any concerns about anything.  |
| **4) Clubs**We have a large choice of clubs on offer. Suggestions for other clubs included:*Netball, Hockey, Chess & draughts, Cookery.* Finding people to run the clubs can be tricky but we are always reviewing what we have on offer. (Club list is available on the website)  |
| **5) Attendance** Attendance in school has been very challenging this year. Things are now improving. We made the decision not to give out attendance awards and certificates as we normally would as many children had no option but to miss school due to having to isolate, therefore we didn't feel it was fair. The plan is to restart our attendance system in September. A letter explaining this is going out to all parents this week. The 96% target percentage was discussed and it was explained that 5 missed days equates to 97% attendance.  |
| **7) Phonics Workshops** Phonics workshops in Y1 have been taking place this week. There was some really nice feedback from VD regarding this. Having a face to face workshop was appreciated but there was understanding from the parents that many parents are not interested in attending workshops and would recorded sessions suit more parents?  |
| **8) Maths Homework** We are currently using My Maths but we are thinking of changing it. Feedback from the forum parents was that it was often quite difficult and the children have lost a bit of their excitement about working online (possible after all the home learning?). The school will explore other options. (Parents liked the White Rose teaching videos that were used during lockdown. Videos like this would be useful for them to help support their children in maths.)Calculation strategies for the four operations are explained on the school website (Y1→ Y6) **\*Spelling**: Some confusion over the spelling tests in Y5. LA will seek clarification with Y5 teachers (to be shared on their newsletter) |
| **9) Mental Health and Wellbeing (Approaches in class)** This week we have delivered assemblies on ‘Mental Health and Wellbeing’. We explained to the children about the importance of a healthy body and a healthy mind and the sorts of things that can be done to help if you are feeling unhappy. (A video link has been shared on the school website). Parental feedback was that children had been talking about the assembly at home - a good message to hear! Having a check in system in the classroom was discussed. The parents felt this would be could but should be kept as private as possible (eg not a wall or visible for everyone to see)  |
| **10) Parent Meetings (In face / Video)**It was felt that the majority of parents enjoyed having the face to face meetings again and some had to have video calls because they couldn;t get a face to face appointment. Following on from the parent Google form about the meetings, there was a split in the preferences which is why we did both. Next time we will probably go for all face-to-face with the option of a video call if you can’t make it into school.  |
| **11) AOB****\*AIP** - the menus occasionally go on late (often after a break) which makes it difficult to choose dinner choices with their child. Also, there is currently a minimum payment of £11. Could this be increased to £11.50 to cover 5 days of lunches? (LA to check with Matt) **\*Class assembly** - Parents have loved having class assemblies back and seeing the children perform. The question was asked about the number of adults attending and whether it could be increased. (SLT)**\*Text System** - only one number can be added. Can two be added so both parents receive the texts? (Office) |
| **Date of next meeting**: TBC for early October 2022 |