

Bearwood School Council

Article 12

You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Friday 8th October 2021

This is what we talked about:

- **Health and Safety**
- Middle toilet in KS2 girls block keeps flooding/get splashed and it is leaving marks on the floor that smell; Miss Webster will report to Mr Lee.

- **Safeguarding**
- No new safeguarding issues.
- Last week's issues addressed;
- Year 5 have noticed the main gate is open when the car park gate is open in the morning and afternoon. Miss Webster will check timings. **This is not the case as locked by SLT and unlocked just before home time by Mrs Wilson**
- Y6 suggested anti-climbing paint for the main gates. **Not required as children should not be climbing!! Can you answer this directly as part of school council e.g. can you ensure that you explain the answer there and then as the expectation is no climbing.**
- People are climbing on hay stacks behind the bank and looking in to gardens; please do not go in this zone. **Again expectation**

- **Lunchtime in the Hall**
- Tambourine has worked well; Mrs Wilson it is $\frac{3}{4}$ that are noisy.

- **Clubs (school run and outside providers)**
- This is now being investigated by staff to see what we can get in place.

- **Hugging Friends**
- Mrs Bennett has confirmed that we can now hold hands and hug our friends. Please just remember hygiene and to gel hands after.

- **Walk to School Challenge**
- Remember you can park and stride from the Community Centre and this still counts!

- **Forest Schools**
- We discussed how sessions should work for Key Stage Two moving forward as all classes will have had a taster session by the end of today.

- Key Stage 2 children would like the sessions in blocks. Children would like a mini your time before.
- One half term per half term then Summer 2 for Your Time
- Orchard can still be used and is not out of bounds because of Forest School.
- **School Dog**
- Miss Webster has found a charity that will bring in dogs to read with children and also work one-to-one with children who might be having a difficult time. School Council were all in agreement that this should be investigated further.
- **House Points**
- We discussed how to raise the profile of House Points.
- It was decided that house points should be displayed clearly in each classroom.
- House Captains will collect Monday morning and count total per house.
- House Captains will announce this in Monday assembly. They will then give the numbers to Mrs Tuley to update the website.
- Miss Webster will make a House Point reporting sheet.
- We will talk about the half termly reward for the winning house - any ideas?
- **AOB**
- Antibullying ambassadors; can we have them back and have more focus on what bullying for younger children?
- Can we have a quiet reading area in the Orchard? (Year 6; children want to read Amulet books)
- Some of the displays in the Hall are out of date and could do with refreshing. Year 6 like the idea of inspiration as a theme!
- House displays in Hall are faded; particularly King John
- **Thank you**

This week we decided on....

- Raising the profile of House Points
- Investigating *Caring Canines* coming in to school

In class council can you discuss...

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Thank you

- **Next week's meeting will be Friday 15th October in the Orchard at 12.30**

Dear School Council,

Thank you for your minutes. I have spoken to the adults around school and we would like to propose the following.

Lunchtime in the hall:

- We think that KS2 children receiving hot and cold meals can sit together. The staff were concerned that sometimes puddings can be missed when giving them out later. Please can the children make sure they ask for pudding if they are missed.
- Mrs Wilson thinks the use of the tambourine would be better than the noisy sign. Please can you feed back if you are seeing an improvement in the next couple of weeks.
- Regarding food mess from KS1, we will install the 'drop it and you pick it up rule' and monitor closely for pupils dropping food/mess. KS1 pupils too young for dust pan and brush as learnt through COVID!
- Sadly, unable to influence Chartwell meals, however we have emailed your feedback. Do consider the other options on the menu for the time being.

Please ask your class which clubs they would like. We are looking into clubs we could offer.

Your time:

- This has been discussed with staff and we feel that this cannot be earned back otherwise this would not encourage to make the right choices. Children do have the warnings through the use of traffic lights and this should be enough to encourage them to reflect on their choices.
- We will organise for YOUR TIME to have mixed groups after half term.

The problem with the rabbit is that we have no member of staff who is able to take on responsibility for the caring of the rabbit ... any ideas? We would like them back but until we have someone to take whole responsibility we will not be able to have them back.

Thank you for sharing your voice 😊

Mrs Bennett