



Clifford Road Primary School

"Celebrating Achievement in All"

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Monday, 11 January 2010

Dear Mum, Dads & Carers,

The Parents Council have now been meeting for just over a year and in that time they have achieved an awful lot which you may be unaware of.

Road Safety:

At the initial meeting in December 2008 the Council members were asked if anyone had any issues and the biggest concern raised was road safety particularly on Tennyson Road. Letters were sent out, meetings were held and within the year we received a £3000 grant from the Council which paid for full reconstruction of the Southern footway in Tennyson Road, a wide build-out and the installation of the pedestrian barrier!

Healthy Eating:

Another concern was the break time Tuck Shop. Among the points raised was the issue that mixed messages were being sent when Key Stage 1 were having fruit or vegetables at break times while Key Stage 2 children were eating pizza etc. going against our Healthy Schools ethos. Letters & questionnaires were sent out, meetings were held and we now have a strict fruit & vegetable only policy for break times.

Communication:

The way information was sent between home and school has often been raised. Messages and reminders often get lost or remain hidden in trays or book bags so letters were sent out, meetings were held and we now have the School Texting system along with two Parents Notice Boards!

Internet Safety:

The issue of Internet Safety was raised and 'Engage' (the group of police, social services etc who come into school & talk to children about Internet Safety) was discussed. It was felt parents would also benefit from this so letters were sent out and meetings were held encouraging children and parents to discuss and be open about what they're doing on the internet!

Parents Evenings:

It was felt that getting the first feedback on your child in February was too long so letters were sent out, meetings were held and there are now 4 parents evenings since the introduction of the Meet the Teacher evening in September!

Homework Policy:

Inconsistencies in the monitoring of homework have often been an issue, particularly between classes. The Parents Council were asked to help contribute to the new Homework Policy which is now used.

Another cause for concern, particularly at this time of the year, is the spread of illnesses and bugs. Many children are being sent into school after having been sick during the night. A separate letter will be sent out insisting children do not come back to school for a **minimum of 24 hours after the last episode of illness**. In addition to this the Parents Council are asking that antibacterial hand wash be put in each class which can be used when entering or leaving the classroom as they do in hospitals etc.

All told it has been an extremely successful year and if you have any issues or concerns you would like raised, please see your class representative (a list is attached!) or Michele at the office.

Steve Wood
Head Teacher

PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2010

Class	Year	Childs Name	Parents Name
1	R	George Hollands	Fiona Hollands
2	R		
3	1	Amy Jordan	Claire Jordan
4	1	Alex Beddus Matthew Cooper	Tracey Beddus Liz Cooper
5	4	Joshua Culham Dylan Jay	Wendy Richards Kellie Jay
6	4		
8	5	Lucy Garrett Thomas Shaw Harriet & Megan King	Bridgett Garrett Lucy Shaw Alison Worship
9	3	Harrison Vince	Helen Vince
10	3	Toni Kerr	Diane Kerr
11	2	Megan Lake	Rebecca Lake
12	2	Emma Hammond	Julie Kirk
14	5	Elinor Bally	Louise Bally
15	6	Amber Strutt	Julia Strutt
16	6	Lucy Davidson	Sharon Godwin

If there is no representative named and you would be interested in joining the council, please contact Michele at the office.