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Dear Parents,

We would like to share with you a number of topics that were discussed with the parents who came along to our Coffee and Cake morning with us on the 18th September.

First of all, many thanks to the parents who were able to come and join us. It was lovely to see you all and have an informal discussion about our school and your children. We really appreciate the constructive comments you made and we would like to take this opportunity to inform all parents about some changes that we are making as a direct result of your suggestions.

Spellings

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>Please could parents see a copy of the spelling test that children complete each week so that they can see how well their child has achieved.</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Children's spelling tests will now be completed in each child's spelling book, for all classes. This book provides them with a list of spellings to learn but will allow you to see how they have done in their weekly spelling test.</p> |
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My Maths

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>Please could we look into My Maths as parents were finding it difficult to complete this as homework due to technical difficulties and differences between methods taught in school and the methods required by My Maths.</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Discontinue our use of My Maths. This was something that staff had already discussed and decided during our training days in September. We agreed that it was presenting a number of issues and instead we are looking at an alternative programme.</p> |
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Handwriting

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>About the new style of handwriting that some of your children had begun talking about and using at home.</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Hold a short parent's meeting on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm in the school hall for parents to come along and find out about the style of handwriting we are teaching in school and how you can support your children at home. Free childcare will be available.</p> |
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Parents in school

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>If we could allow parents to come into school one morning each week so that they can easily speak to teachers, they can see children’s classrooms and also look at children’s work on displays.</p> <p>Since moving to the new building, parents felt that they were not as engaged with school and rarely came into the school building.</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Enable parents to come into school from 8.50am to 9.00am on a Monday morning every week. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the classrooms and spend some time looking at displays.</p> <p>We chose a Monday as we hoped this would also help with carrying PE kits, lunch boxes and book bags into school at the start of the week.</p> |
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Bullying

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>About incidents of bullying in school. Children have given us their thoughts about bullying in school in a recent questionnaire. 78% of children said that the school dealt well with bullying and an additional 15% saying that they don’t know if the school does, because they have never experienced bullying. Additional comments were made by children that “There are no bullies in our school”. This is an extremely positive picture.</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Continue to monitor this and also hold an assembly to ensure children understand what bullying is and not just friends falling out with each other. We would ask that if parents have any concerns they come and speak to us as soon as possible so that we can swiftly investigate and deal with any issues.</p> |
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Maths

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| <p>You asked:</p> <p>For additional help in supporting your children at home with method in maths .e.g addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods</p> | <p>We will:</p> <p>Plan another opportunity for parents to come into school and explore the methods we use to teach children as we did in Spring 2015.</p> <p>Provide information for parents on our school website.</p> |
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We hope you find the above information useful and that the changes help you as parents to be involved in your child’s education. We would also like to invite all parents to our next Coffee and Cake morning on Friday 16th October at 9.00am and any parents who come along are also welcome to stay for Praise Assembly at 10.00am. We hope you are able to join us.

Should you have any questions about any of the above please get in touch with either of us in school.

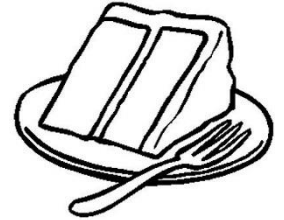
Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Mrs CA Boocock
Headteacher

Miss C Pearson
Assistant Headteacher

Parent's Coffee Morning

Friday 16th October
9.00-9.45am



We would like to invite all parents to join Mrs Boocock and Miss Pearson for Tea, Coffee and Cake on Friday 16th October.

Please come along to the school hall to join us for an informal chat about your child and our school. Come along to meet either of us and also to meet other parents, tell us what you think we are doing well and share with us how you think we can make things better.

We would like to improve relationships between school and parents and we hope you are able to join us.

After bringing your child to school, please make your way to the school hall anytime from 9.00-9.45am.

Any parents who then wish to stay for Praise Assembly would be more than welcome to.

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