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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to join us at our second Parent's Coffee and Cake morning with us on Friday 16th October. As we did last time, we would like to share with you a number of topics that were discussed so that all parents are fully informed. Once again, 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.

We began the morning by sharing with you the results of a children's questionnaire we carried out at the start of the Autumn Term. It was agreed by everyone at the meeting that the results were very positive and these are available on the school website if you would like to read them. We also shared with parents our school website and in particular the news items which are regularly updated with pictures. Please do take a look!

Homework

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If changes could be made to homework. Parents shared concerns that fitting in homework as well as the many clubs that children go to afterschool was proving difficult. Various ideas were discussed. Parents also asked that time could be made available in school for children to complete their homework, particularly if they don't have access to the internet.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>Review this as a staff and let you know the outcome in due course.</p> <p>We have, in the past, held a homework club afterschool and this is something we could arrange again.</p>
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Snacks at Playtime

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If children could be allowed a snack at playtime. This was also something that the children mentioned in their questionnaires.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>Ensure all parents are informed via the Friday Flyer that children are allowed to bring a healthy snack into school to eat at morning and/or afternoon playtime. An apple, healthy cereal bar etc. are all fine, we ask that no chocolate, crisps or sweets are eaten though.</p> <p>We have also purchased two new bins for the playground in the shape of pencils. One for general waste, one for compostable waste.</p>
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Spellings

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If children could be tested on their spellings on the same day throughout school so that families with children in more than one class could learn spellings at the same time.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>We have discussed this with staff and unfortunately this is not possible. Due to availability of Teaching Assistants, timetabled PE lessons or Swimming, the Read Write Inc programme amongst other factors, it is not possible to have all classes completing their spelling test on the same day.</p>
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Road Safety

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If anything could be done about the speed of cars on the road outside school and the parking at the beginning and end of the school day.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>Continue to educate the children and support parents and the town council as much as we can. Many meetings have taken place and letters have already been sent and the Town Council are keen for something to be done to improve the safety on the road before an accident occurs. If any parent wishes to write to the Town Council or NYCC Highways we would encourage them to do so.</p>
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School Crossing Patrol

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If we are going to get a new school crossing patrol since Mrs Jacquemain left.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>Hopefully have a new school crossing patrol soon. Interviews are taking place after half term.</p>
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Mother's Day Secrets Room

<p>You asked:</p> <p>If this event could be held again to enable children to buy a Mother's Day gift in secret and also use this as a fundraising opportunity.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <p>Support any parents or the FOBS who wish to organise and run this event. It does require a large number of adult helpers to make it happen and any offers of help would be much appreciated.</p>
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Should you have any questions about any of the above please get in touch with either of us in school.
Next Coffee and Cake mornings are Friday 20th November and Friday 11th December at 9am.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Mrs CA Boocock
Headteacher

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