



**Parent Information and Update Sessions
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th March 2015**

Minutes from Parent information and update session March 2015

Meeting Dates:

Monday 9th March 2015 – number attending – 6

Tuesday 10th March 2015 – number attending – 9

Main points presented

Parental questions and comments with responses from Mrs Sharpe:

1. After School Clubs

The school now offers quite a good range of after school clubs for pupils in Years 1 and 2.

This is costing approximately £9000 per year. The groups were asked how they would feel about charging for clubs. One suggestion has been £5 for the half term.

Should this be offered free to those in receipt of Pupil Premium?

Clubs for parents and children together (Change for Life with a focus on healthy eating and exercise)?

Parent question/comment	Response
Is the cost to pay the hourly rate of the staff that run the club?	Yes it would contribute towards this cost.
£5 is reasonable (compared to after school childcare provision)	
Half price for those in receipt of Pupil Premium.	
Could parents volunteer to support staff thereby reducing costs? Their child could then attend free? Could we ask parents what skills or interests they have?	This sounds like a good idea. We will investigate it further.
Suggestions for other clubs – Drama Circus Skills Computer – using tablets Languages Tag rugby / Rounders Singing / Choir Photography Dance – possibly Irish Dance etc Karate (with parents?)	These will all be put forward
Change for life club for the whole family would be a good idea (inc siblings in other schools) Could this be moved to different days across the year to accommodate working parents?	

2. Parent Cafe

The library has moved back out of the café which means that we can reopen again.

If there was the possibility of visitors and information sessions – would this be a good idea?

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>Happy that the café is open during some club evenings, but not advertised so not many people know.</p> <p>Morning sessions were popular. Parents would be willing to run these sessions on a rota basis as Mrs Cleak is not available.</p> <p>Would we consider take away coffee service?</p> <p>Visitors and information sessions would be a good idea. Need to ask parents what they would find useful. Possibilities could include - School Nurse Curriculum information including how to support your child Behaviour support Adult learning.</p>	<p>Unlikely as we are using the café to promote community ethos.</p> <p>These will all be passed to Mrs Cleak</p>

3. School Website

This is due for an update

Any ideas for improvement?

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>Rarely use it Not very up to date. We get most information from Facebook texts, letters or calling into the office.</p> <p>These things would be useful to access easily on the website Up to date calendar Term dates Catchment area Copies of the latest newsletters and all other letters Photos of staff Topics Reading & Maths Schemes Spellings</p>	<p>This will all be passed to Miss Hulme who will lead on the development of the website</p>

Clubs Lists of dates in advance (Like the December Christmas events) Would like to maintain the 'anything new' on the first page	
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4. **Handwriting**

This was identified as a significant area for development.
Each year group are now having formal handwriting sessions at least three times per week and we have seen great improvements.
Joined handwriting will be introduced in Year 1 when individual pupils are ready.
Pen licence has been introduced (one presented so far)
Certificates will be presented to children not quite at that level.

Parent question/comment	Response
Children are talking about this at home. There has been a noticeable improvement particularly in the last two months. When are they starting to do joined up writing? The pen licence is a good challenge What is a pen licence?	 In year 1 when they are ready. Pupils with consistently neat joined handwriting are allowed to use a pen instead of pencil. They are given one for home and one for school which will be replaced when they run out

5. **Physical Development (P.E.)**

Mrs Pryor has been leading PE throughout the school for a number of years and the school are very proud of our sporting achievements. Mrs Pryor assesses every child's development and we have seen year on year improvements in all areas.
We have employed a Play leader / Sports facilitator (Mrs Pascoe) and moved to a four house system to increase the opportunity and range.
Is there anything else we should be considering?

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>It is brilliant to have the same person to lead PE throughout the school. All the children love her. Sports days are organised really well. There are a lot of PE choices for after school activities. Mrs Pryor is an asset to the school.</p> <p>Children like the house system and talk about it at home.</p> <p>There were some long discussions about competitions. Most felt that it was a part of life and if handled well would be beneficial to the children's development. Some concerns were raised about pressure on children and the need to be sensitive.</p> <p>Suggestions were made about holding a KS1 sports festival event for Redruth schools. (Support possibly from Cornwall Sports Partnership)</p>	<p>Mrs Pryor has recently introduced some inter-house competitions at the end of PE units of work. The children appear to be quite excited and happy to join in. Mrs Pryor is keen to organise some inter-school competitions for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, but we do not know whether other schools would wish to take part at present.</p>

6. TIFs

The Trewirgie Infants Fundraisers (TIFs) have restarted with Angela Pengilly kindly taking the role of chairperson.
They would like any thoughts / ideas for the future.

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>It is really good that TIFs are back, thanks were given to Angela.</p> <p>It would be better if we knew specifically what we were raising money for – set a goal.</p> <p>The quiz night is good – please keep.</p> <p>Could Facebook be used more to encourage people to support individual events (there were some worries that if you became a TIF member –you would have to do every event)</p> <p>Could there be a child and an adult event run at the same time?</p>	<p>All will be fed back to TIFs committee</p>

7. Any Other Business

Parent question/comment	Response
<p>What has happened about the idea of a new and bigger school?</p> <p>What will happen at the junior school? Will the Nursery stay the same?</p>	<p>The infant and Junior School started work on a plan for two new schools on a different site, however bids for new schools were withdrawn recently. The infant school has put in for a bid to extend to four form entry on this site but we will not know if it will be successful until later this month.</p> <p>They will increase too if and when the new cohort reach them</p> <p>There are no plans to extend Nursery provision at this time.</p>
<p>Do you still sponsor a child in Burma?</p>	<p>The work to support the two orphanages has been so successful that both are now self-sufficient (one now has a fish farm and lorry, the other has a generator which allows them to sell electricity to the village).</p> <p>The Rights Respecting Monitors have requested that we support the 'Heaven's Family' organisation so that fewer families put their children into orphanages in order to have a better life. We do not have details at present, but will share them as soon as we do.</p>
<p>Are you still going to set Year 1 pupils into ability groups for maths at some point in the year?</p>	<p>Mrs Sharpe was unsure, but would raise this with Year 1 teachers.</p>
<p>Will Year 1 pupils stay in the same classes to go to Year 2?</p>	<p>Yes, the reorganisation of the classes from reception has been very successful – there would be no benefit to mixing them again</p>
<p>Will Reception pupils be mixed at the end of this year as they go into Year 1?</p>	<p>Yes, it is felt that this cohort would benefit from being reorganised. Parents will be asked for their opinion regarding friends again.</p>
<p>The Free school dinners are amazing. Children are being open to trying new foods and table skills are improving.</p>	<p>This will be forwarded to all lunchtime staff</p>

World Book Day was pitched perfectly with a focus on reading. The reading in class with children was a lovely event and the children adored the staff assembly.

This will be forwarded to all staff.