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Parent Council

The Parent Council will be meeting next Monday - 18th January. If you have any items you wish to be discussed please contact your class rep in the next few days. All staff rep names and contact details are on the last Parent Council newsletter which can be found under the parent section of the website.

I have also attached the draft policy for RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). This is an important part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum and is something we wish to involve our parents with. The policy contains an outline of what is to be taught for each group and indicates that parents are always able to come in to school to view teaching materials and discuss the content with the teachers. I would welcome your feedback on this policy - please contact your parent rep if you have any points to make.

Alternatively, you can leave your comments on the Parents area of the website. There is a parent forum where you can leave your feedback, thoughts and ideas about the draft RSE policy. You will need your log-in details to do this. (see opposite)

Website log-ins

We are still waiting for a large number of Website Use agreement forms from parents. These need to be returned to school in order to acquire your log-in details. Thank you to those who have returned the form - this will be returned to you next week with your details written on. At the moment we only have the Parent Forum active on this area of the site, but we hope to develop this further in the near future. Please contribute to the forums - all comments will be approved by school first.

If you have misplaced your agreement form, we have attached another copy in this email which can be downloaded and printed.

Disco Time!!

You should have received your letter regarding the school disco earlier this week. If you would like tickets, please ensure you have returned the slip by next Wednesday. As you are aware, we are rigorous in our safeguarding procedures and photographs being taken. For this reason, we ask that mobile phones are not brought to the discos by children.

The younger children will be taken to the hall by their teachers and KS2 can arrive through the front door. We would like ALL parents to collect from the hall using the first playground door to enter and the main playground door to leave. Children will not be able to leave without an adult with them.





Late Pick Ups

We are continuing to have an ongoing problem with children being picked up late from school. School finishes at 3.15pm and children need to be picked up at this time. As the After School Club is now run by an outside provider, we can no longer ask for children who have not been picked up to be supervised there.

Therefore, any pupil who has not been picked up in a reasonable time will come to my office to await collection. They will then need signing out, using the late collection book, just as we do with late arrivals in the morning.

Children who are repeatedly picked up late from after school clubs, will not be able to sign up for the following term.

Many of you already allow plenty of time for your journeys and to park in order to avoid lateness. We would like to ask this of ALL parents to alleviate this problem. Thank you.

Important Dates!!

- End of Key Stage 2 SATs information session for parents will be held on Thursday 25th February, 3.30pm
- PTA meeting for ALL (not just committee) at the Hallmark Hotel on Monday 1st February. 8pm for an 8.30pm start.
- Internet safety information evening for parents - VERY IMPORTANT. Thursday 28th April, 6-7 pm. More info to follow

Holiday dates

Holiday dates are available to view on the website for 2016-17. I would like to draw your attention to 3 INSET days which have been added to these dates. We will be holding INSET on the first 2 days of term and on the final day of term, the 23rd December. Please note, there will be no INSET after the Christmas holiday, and school will commence for children on Monday 9th January 2017.

Library Books

We have had a clear out in our library as we are looking to update the stock in the near future. We will be putting these books out on the playground on an afternoon next week when it is fine. The books will be free for children to take should they wish.

Next Friday is a very busy day. Remember it is our Bright Sparks day and children are asked to come to school dressed in bright clothing in order to raise awareness of being safe in the dark. It is disco night of course, and for those who normally attend Street Dance, please note it has been cancelled for this week. Y5 will also be taking part in an assembly and workshops with the NSPCC. Letters were sent home to Y5 parents regarding this earlier in the week.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the
Etchells staff

