



**Parents Forum Meeting via Zoom and in Person at Lime Tree
Date 13.05.2022 at 12noon.**

1. Link Learning Review

Link Learning has been in place since January 2022 – Clare has received feedback in school along with emails and communication from parents and children. Positive response in school with bigger uptake and improved engagement. Paper is definitely having an impact but at a financial cost to school.

Feedback from parents:

- Teachers weren't adding as assignment on Google Classroom so couldn't be submitted as a document. When parent asked the class teacher about this parent was told to hand in paper document as all Link Learning was done this way.
- Paper works better as shows working out for maths.
- Much simpler than on line.
- Clare is looking at making online more accessible also looking to reduce costs by printing in black and white, cheaper paper. Tried to be paperless but this works well.
- Inconsistency between classes? Some still adding assignments and spellings online others not updating Google Classroom at all.
- Suggestion for link learning to be copied out in to a homework book? Can look at this, may be difficulties to due to link with White Rose maths and lesson time being used to complete the book.
- Not had feedback or response to questions online via Google Classroom? School were encouraging feedback and conversations with teachers this way but if no one is responding stop doing so. Should Google Classroom continue to be used or checked for comments?
- Children prefer worksheets and visual presence of the work sheets.
- Parent finds it easier to encourage children to complete it on paper as is physically handed in.

Parents encouraged to get in touch and email the office with any questions or comments about link learning as School is constantly striving to improve.

2. PE Kit/PE Days

Since COVID some schools have established PE Days whereby PE kits are not kept in school and children come in to school on a designated day in their PE kits. The idea behind this is that there is less lost physical activity/learning time for the children although there is a lot to consider at Lime Tree:

Pros

- less uniform
- No need for storage
- Reduced loss of PE kits in school
- Increased PE time as less time being spent getting changed
- Example given from year 4 where 40 mins wasted learning time as children get changed into PE kit and back again.
- Privacy for older children?
- Better hygiene as kits washed more often
- Improved appearance as no kept screwed up in a PE Bag.
- Parents know when PE kits is too small, damaged.

Cons

- Parents remembering this every week
- PE is only restricted to one day?
- Children look smarter in uniform and would need to look smart in PE Kit too; school would need to be stricter with this
- Would still need spare trainers in school if needed eg for Commando activities, daily mile and enrichment
- If no PE kit what would they change into if wet/muddy/have an accident etc?

Feedback from parents:

- Would PE day stay on the same day? Would have to be at least term based.
- Impact on Forest School if PE kit is not in school? School have not made decisions yet, need to consider opinions and logistics.
- Some children may not be learning independence to get changed at home? Children should be learning to get dressed at home so school can follow curriculum.
- Consideration to be given for neuro diverse children: acknowledged routine changes can be problematic and have an effect on child coming to school.
- Impact on interventions/enrichment as children would need to wear PE kit on a day that isn't a PE day and parents would have to remember this.
- Saving 40 mins seems like a no brainer
- Would prefer for greater amount of time for sports and games which is more productive for the child than time spent getting changed.
- Saves time and frustration about items getting lost and teachers having to follow this up look through class PE Kits etc
- Potential trial?
- Different rules for different year groups/Key Stage is a possibility



- Swapped PE hoodies for Jumpers now as cost as these are cheaper; Clare confirmed it is fine for hoodies to be passed down and continue to be used.
- Can still wear plain black trainers with uniform, resolves the need for two pairs unless wet. Wellies are in school if necessary.
- Priority is that physical exercise is encouraged; children manage play at lunchtime in school uniform without an issue.

Parents are encouraged to email feedback to Clare whilst this is considered. This is also to be discussed with children at school council to explore their thoughts around this.

Any other business

Milk

Is a list given to teachers to give out milk to the children whose parents have paid for it? Experience is that children are expected to go and get the milk themselves but might forget, not know or be playing out so it is wasted. This is paid for termly. Parents stop paying as children not getting milk? Clare confirmed that Teachers have a spreadsheet and list of names and will follow this up with Early Years.

Holiday Club

Will not be running this summer as field needs seeding.

Parent expressed there is not an alternative in the area unless a child likes sports.

Children prefer to be with friends in an environment they are familiar with.

Linked to other local clubs can be shared.

PSP Sale Sports Club Sale High School

Ankle boots during cold/wet weather

Experience of a child not being allowed to wear wellies but expected to go out and play on wet grass and is coming home with wet shoes. Ankle boots can be more of a fashion item and not in keeping with school uniform as we would like.

Difficult to monitor this. This was likened to trainers being allowed and being monitored.

Need to look smart. Wellies are accessible and encouraged if wet/muddy outside. Clare to check this is standard practice.

After school activities

These haven't been running due to lack of space; no school field whilst building work has been ongoing and the Hall is in use by Tree House paid after school club due to increased demand and numbers.

Clare will be looking at the practicalities of this restarting after school activities for September 2022.

Next meeting date to be confirmed.