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MATHS

Teachers' termly maths planning will be put under the maths section of the website so parents can see what is being taught each term. This will start from September. School recommend CGP books, cheaply available online to supplement maths homework should parents wish. The Jargon Buster is now on the school website for your information.



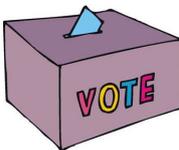
DROP OFF ZONE—There was a suggestion that a drop off zone might alleviate congestion outside school, however, due to safety reasons the school cannot accommodate this request.



Inhalers

School do have spare inhalers which are prescribed by the school nurse to be used in an emergency. School do prefer children to have their own however, parents can request for more than one inhaler from their GP if they specify what it is for. Staff will be receiving training in Autumn from the school nurse around asthma.

SCHOOL POLLING STATION USAGE—A number of parents raised the issue of the school being used as a polling station and the inconvenience this causes. Mrs Beddows has looked into this and the LA did a review of the use of primary schools as polling stations last Autumn. They have to take into consideration floor space, accessibility and parking and we are still awaiting a response from the council as to why alternative locations aren't deemed suitable.





MUSIC LESSONS

The Arts Council have got another year of funding for every child up to school leaving age to receive free musical instrument lessons in blocks of one term (other than voice) . Applications are made via the local music hub and Mrs Beddows is going to look into this.



Parents opinion was sought on how many school trips were deemed acceptable per year, what costs were manageable, and how many in school visitors would be welcomed.

It has been decided that two trips per year up to £20 plus one in school visitor would be manageable and school will give as much notice as possible so these can be budgeted for.

The only exception to this would be for years five and six who both have residential trips, therefore, there will only be 1 trip for these years.

School Photographs

Suppliers will be asked to pitch to the school in the Autumn term.



Rewards

The merit system has been deemed by a small number of parents as unfair.

Some parents thought all children should receive the reward day however, this would then be a fun day and not a 'reward' day as it's intended to be. Mrs Beddows will be working with the staff to pull together a definitive list of what merits can be awarded for—staff have been trialling different ideas this term and this will be finalised in September and will be published in the behaviour policy update and put onto the website.