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Parents' Evening

Next week we will be holding our parent consultation meetings. You should have received your child's mid-term report today. Please read this through and bring it with you to your appointment.

Athletics

On Wednesday, a team of ten Y5 and ten Y6 children took part in an indoor athletics competition at The Kingsway School. They competed against other local schools and had great fun participating in events such as: sling shot, last one standing, speed bounce and team sling shot! Our team were hugely successful coming away as very close runners ups! They were in high spirits when they returned to school and had obviously gained a lot from the experience.

Parent Council

We had a very successful first Parent Council with a good range of issues discussed. As promised, you will find an outline of the key issues below.

School Lunches

The school are looking to introduce a new provider of school meals and are in the early days of the tender process. When this is in place we will be able to move forward with Halal options, ordering systems etc. We are making assessments about how the school can cater for the free school meals for KS1 and are hoping the LA will provide some additional funding to extend our facilities. Action point: to look into the time children have to eat packed lunches.

Communication

I am hoping that you are reading this letter via email unless you requested a paper copy. It has been a big job to set up but hopefully we have it successfully established now. Notes on classroom doors were discussed; parents who don't work do not see the notes and so miss out on important information. Action points: to ensure any notes on classroom doors are replicated by text messages home.

Reading

A reading scheme was suggested by a parent. We are not looking to replace our scheme at the moment, but have noted down the suggestion and will pass it to our English subject Leader.





PARENT COUNCIL (CONT.)

This week...

* We were lucky to have a number of tickets to give away for the upcoming Man Utd v Man City match. This was done as a community gesture and to encourage the younger generation to attend the match. Names were put in a hat and drawn out yesterday. All the lucky winners have been notified by telephone.

* Y1 and 2 are visiting Staircase house in Stockport next week as part of their 'Who's House is this?' topic. Please ensure the slips and payments are returned to school asap.

Next week...

On Friday it is Sports Relief and the School Council are keen to raise some money for this worthwhile cause. For a £1 donation they are asking children to come to school wearing sports clothes and to partake in sports activity organised by their class.

TAs

We are asked if there were full time qualified Teaching Assistants in each class. The answer is yes, but not all are quite full time. We have an excellent TA ratio in our school and it is especially pleasing that this provision is continued through to Y6

Online Payments

The school has looked into methods for paying online for school dinners, clubs and trips. At the moment, the cost of this service is £1500 per year. We will inevitably be forced down this route as cheques are phased out so I'm sure this facility will be on offer in the near future.

After School Clubs

We are looking to see if we can provide an additional gym club on Friday for Y1 and 2 only. We are also looking into a different way to reserve places on after school clubs to make the system more efficient. Watch this space for more info. We will also consider alternative clubs for the younger children. It is also worth remembering though, that the clubs offered by school staff are done on a voluntary basis.

Kind regards,

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and the Etchells staff

