

COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 29/11/22

PRESENT:	Mrs Saunders (Headteacher)	
	Mrs Cresswell (Chair of Governors)	
	Max & Aliyah	Year 1
	Alex & Bethany	Year 2
	Callum & Mya	Year 3
	Sam & Rebecca	Year 4
	Hughey & Summer	Year 5
	Joseph & Alyssa	Year 6

Joseph welcomed Mrs Cresswell and the School Councillors and opened our School Council meeting:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Can we put Grandparents Day in the Diary?

We will definitely put a date in the Diary for 'Grandparents Day'; Mrs Saunders suggested later in the year in Term 5 or 6. We will just invite the Grandparents into school for a 'Stay and Share' afternoon, from 2pm, then offer them a tea/coffee in the hall afterwards.

2. Has the hot water in infant toilets been fixed?

Mrs Styles has checked this and there is hot water in the infant toilets.

3. Golden Mile - 3x or 6x a Year?

Golden Mile will remain 3 times a year - terms 2, 4 and 6. To do Golden Mile every term would take up too much of the PE learning time. Mrs Saunders has had a discussion with Premier Sports and they are in agreement with this.

4. Can we have a 'Prehistoric Day' this year?

This idea has not yet been discussed with Mr Burns but there is going to be a Science Day next year!

5. Can we do a whole school litter pick?

A whole school litter pick had been put into the Diary but was rained off! Another date will be put into the Diary for before the end of term and then, moving forward, we will do one each term.

6. Can we have a 'Times Tables Rock Stars' Club?

Mrs Joshua will be holding a Maths Club next term for Juniors but it won't be a Times Table Rock Stars Club. However, it will probably encompass using the times tables knowledge that the children are gaining from TTR!

7. Have new nets for football goals been ordered?

New nets have not been purchased yet as there are no football matches planned until around April next year. New nets will be ordered next year, before we start playing football again and for when the children start to use the field when the weather improves (in the Spring).

8. Thoughts on donating a teddy/book to charity?

Mrs Saunders likes this idea but would like school councillors to ask their classes which charities they wish to support for this.

9. Thoughts on holding fundraising events - Football Match and KS2 Bike Ride?

The last few years, we have held a charity Football day on a Saturday in May. We will do this again in 2023. Mrs Saunders will speak to the PTA to see if they would like to organised a KS2 Charity Bike Ride event next year too.

10. AOB

Year 1

Suggested having: Pyjama Day, Autumn Day, Teddy Day, Movie Day and another Disco. Mrs Saunders said that she will put another PJ day into the Diary and she is already thinking about holding a 'Silent Disco' next year as an alternative to our current discos. With regards to a 'Movie Day', lots of classes sometimes watch films based on the books they study for English and most classes watch a film at Christmas time. We already have a Teddy Bears Picnic in the summer!

Year 2

No issues to raise at this time.

Year 3

Suggested having Napkins in the hall for school lunches. Mrs Saunders and Mrs Cresswell liked this idea and will look into this for the new year. Year 3 also

suggested laying Astro Turf on the field. Mrs Saunders said that she could make enquires about the cost and viability of this idea but already knows this would cost a lot of money which we would probably struggle to raise! There also could be issues surrounding nature, drainage and flooding as well as the fact we are located in an area designated: 'of outstanding natural beauty'. This means there are lots of rules around what we can and can't do to our school buildings and grounds.

Year 4

Suggested having another 'Lego Day' for both Juniors and Infants. Mrs Saunders told School Council that there is something much better and more exciting planned and details of this will be shared in an assembly very soon. At the moment Mrs Dengate is planning this special day and it is 'Top Secret' for the moment! Year 4 also suggested having a 'Cultural Day'. They would like each class to be given a continent which they will research and find out about and then there will be a day when the children dress-up to reflect their continents and the cultures they have learned about. Finally, they also suggested having a 'Woodwork Day'. Class 4 thought this would be a good idea so that children could start to get an idea about trades they might like to pursue a career in. Mrs Saunders thought that this was an excellent idea and she said she will think about this and speak to the staff about it.

Year 5

Year 5 would like some new ace balls please. They requested having new plastic balls and not sponge ones as they are too absorbent and soak up water and do not last as long. Year 5 also suggested holding a termly Bake Sale. Each term, a different class would be responsible for the baking and this would raise money for school funds. Mrs Saunders liked this idea and said she would speak to the staff about it. Year 5 also suggested holding a sponsored Football Match but Mrs Saunders reminded them that we hold a charity football day in May. Finally, Hughey requested that the children performing in the Rocksteady Concert this term, be allowed to wear their own clothes for the performance?

Year 6

Year 6 requested some more playtime equipment and asked if we could use a label or colour coding system again to identify which class the equipment belongs to. They also put forward more ideas for after school clubs: Reading Club and Card Game Club. Mrs Saunders told Council that there are lots more clubs coming in January and a list will be sent out before the end of term! Finally, Year 6 suggested having a Junior afternoon toilet break. They felt it

would be good to have a quick opportunity, mid-afternoon to use the toilet if needed. Mrs Saunders said she would speak to the staff about this suggestion.

Mrs Saunders asked Councillors to remind their classes to bring in chocolate donations for the Hampers and any unwanted gift donations please! All money raised from these items will be put towards the new Trim Trail.

Finally, Mrs Saunders reminded School Council that it is our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 1st December (this week!) and that the children can wear their Christmas Jumpers/Christmas party dresses etc. and own clothes. Christmas Dinner will be served in the hall by the staff!

11. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 10:15am.

Joseph thanked the school councillors for attending the meeting and it was closed at 10:35am.