

COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 24/01/23

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
	Huey & Summer	Year 5
	Joseph & Alyssa	Year 6

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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

Mrs Saunders has spoken to Mr Burns about having a 'Prehistoric Day' and he is considering this suggestion for possibly Term 5 or Term 6.

2. Charity suggestions for donating a teddy/book

Lots of charities were suggested to support for this initiative: Red Cross, Eleanor, British Heart Foundation, Children in Need, Great Ormond Street, Team Seas, Befriending Charity, Local Charities and Ukrainian Children. It was also suggested that the teddies/books could be donated for children in hospital, or teddies could be given to the Dogs Trust for the dogs in their care who are waiting to be rehomed. Mrs Saunders suggested choosing 2 or 3 each year to support with this initiative.

3. Has Mrs Saunders suggested holding a KS2 Charity Bike Ride to the PTA?

Mrs Saunders has passed the bike ride suggestion to the PTA and they will discuss this when they meet at the end of February. It will definitely be something for them to consider organising for summertime. It would be a great event to raise money but there are lots of things to be considered before it is organised. For example, a distance for the bike ride would need to be agreed

upon - 5k or 10k? Councillors will be updated on the possibility of having this event after the PTA have discussed it at their next meeting.

4. Is there a date in the Diary for another PJ Day and a Silent Disco?

The children all enjoyed another PJ Day on the first Friday back at the start of Term 3 and a date for a Silent Disco will be put into the Diary for Term 5 or Term 6.

5. Can we have napkins in the hall?

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Cresswell have discussed this suggestion and have decided that, as an alternative to napkins which would be very expensive to use on a daily basis each lunchtime, we can have the blue hand towels in the hall to use.

6. Did Mrs Saunders make any enquiries about laying Astro Turf on the field?

Mrs Saunders made enquiries about laying astro turf on the field and was quoted around £300,000!! We don't have that kind of money to spend and there would be the impact on the surrounding environment to consider too. Exchanging our grass for astro turf would have an impact on worms, badgers and other wildlife in the area. Laying astro turf on the field is therefore not something we would do at the moment.

7. Mrs Saunders and the Staff's thoughts on a 'Cultural Day' and a 'Woodwork Day'

The teachers liked the idea of having a Cultural Day and, once properly discussed, a day will be planned for later on this year - possibly Term 5 or Term 6. Mrs Saunders will also discuss Woodwork Day with the teachers too.

8. Has each class received a new plastic Ace Ball and some new playground equipment?

Skipping ropes have already been added to playground boxes; Ace balls are to come this week!

9. Mrs Saunders and the Staff's thoughts on holding a termly Bake Sale to raise money for school funds

This idea was discussed with the teachers and it was decided that there will be two bake sales a year; a KS1 Bake Sale and a KS2 Bake Sale. If the sales are organised in this way it will ensure that we have enough cakes to sell. The first Bake Sale has already been put in the Diary for KS2 at the end of March (Term 4).

10. Mrs Saunders and the Staff's thoughts on a Junior afternoon toilet break

We are unable to put any additional breaktime into the timetable for Juniors. KS2 children have a set amount of learning hours each which means there is not enough time to add in an extra break. Juniors may ask to go to the toilet during the afternoon and teachers will allow them to go.

11. Can we have a Reading Club and a Card Game Club?

Card Game Club is already underway on a Thursday after school, kindly run by Miss Slade. Mrs Resoda will be running a reading club for KS2 in Term 5.

10. AOB

Year 1

No issues to raise.

Year 2

Year 2 requested more assemblies around staying safe/keeping safe outside of school. Mrs Saunders said she will organise this and ensure there is also a reminder of the Childline number. Year 2 also suggested having a Teddy Bear's Picnic day. Mrs Saunders said that this could be arranged in the summer.

Year 3

Year 3 would like hot/warm water to their sink. Mrs Saunders said that Mrs Styles was already sorting this issue out. They also suggested having a KS1 Reading Club and Mrs Saunders said she would speak to Mrs Resoda about this or see if another member of staff would be able to run a KS1 Club. They also suggested 'Different Name Day', Homework Club, Teddy Day and a Baking Day. Mrs Saunders reminded the children that there will be a KS1 and KS2 Bake Sale later in the year and that, during the year, each class should have a cooking unit in DT.

Year 4

Year 4 requested more play equipment for their box please - in particular more tennis balls and lightweight plastic balls. They also suggested having a day where children dress to reflect a chosen country. Mrs Saunders suggested that, perhaps, we could incorporate this into 'Cultural Day'.

Year 5

Year 5 asked if it would be possible to swap the lunch rota for Fridays around so that Year 5 don't always go in last for dinner. Mrs Saunders said that she would

Speak to Mrs O'Neill about this. They also asked whether the lines that mark out the Ace Courts on the Junior playground could be repainted. Mrs Saunders said that she will get this organised.

Year 6

Year 6 requested more playground equipment please and also to have another Colour Run to fund raise. They also suggested having a 'Bring your own Water Bottle to school' day that isn't a designer bottle! Finally, they requested having another Danceathon Day (ring the bell and dance). Mrs Saunders said that we could include this during Sports Week, in Term 6.

Finally, Mrs Cresswell asked (connected to Year 2's requested for more assemblies about staying safe outside of school) if everyone plays games online at home. She also asked whether parents checked devices and understood the games that the children are playing. Some of the younger councillors (KS1) said that they played games where they can't talk to strangers and other councillors (KS2) said that their parents often checked their ipads/devices. Mrs Saunders reminded the children that Mrs Burns will be doing a Safer Internet Assembly and also holding a Parent Workshop.

11. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 10:15am.

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