

COBHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 07/03/23

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

Apologies: Alex at Rocksteady

Joseph welcomed the School Councillors this morning and opened our School Council meeting at 10:15am.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Any updates on a possible 'Prehistoric Day' this year?

We have already had lots of special days this year and still have more to come - Cultural Day, Languages Day plus we have Sports Week in Term 6. Prehistoric Day will be considered when planning next years special days.

2. Any updates on a KS2 Charity Bike Ride?

This is a great idea and would be an excellent fundraiser. Mrs Saunders is going to pass this idea to the PTA when she attends the meeting this evening. Where to hold this event will need to be carefully considered as riding on the streets would not be safe for many of our children and riding on the grass would not give us the distance or space we would require as there could possibly be up to 120 children on bikes to accommodate for this event. Perhaps this could be an event for future consideration that could be held at the Cyclopark? Mrs Saunders will pass this suggestion to the PTA tonight at the meeting.

3. Any updates on Cultural Day and Woodwork Day?

Cultural Day is currently being prepared/planned for next term. Instead of a Woodwork Day, Duplo Day is being organised.

4. Can the Friday lunch rota be swapped around (Year 5)?

This has already been organised as Year 5 now goes swimming on a Friday afternoon and the children need to eat as quickly as possible.

5. Can we have a KS1 Reading Club?

Mrs Resoda is currently preparing to teach Year 5 for the rest of the year when Mrs Brooker leaves to have her baby. She is already running a KS2 Reading Club. If she is unable to organise a KS1 Reading Club this year, it will be a club considered for September.

6. Thoughts on 'Different Name Day', Bring your own 'Water Bottle to School Day' and can we have a 'Teddy Bears Picnic; or 'Teddy Day'?

Mrs Saunders likes the idea of 'Different Name Day' and will put this into the Diary. We will definitely have a Teddy Bears Picnic in the warmer weather so this will be during Term 6. However, Mrs Saunders does not think the 'Water Bottle Day' is such a good idea so we won't be doing this. We bring a functional water bottle to school every day and there is no need to bring anything fancy or expensive as, there is the risk, it could get lost. Mrs Saunders and the staff are very aware that there seems to be a craze for expensive water bottles that are currently very popular. There is really no need to have these for school as they are very expensive and could get lost or damaged.

7. Can a 'Danceathon' be included in Sports Week this year?

The Danceathon has already been planned into the schedule for Sports Week!

8. AOB

Year 1

Year 1 would like some more play equipment please. They also asked if it will be possible to incorporate a slide into the new Trim Trail? Mrs Saunders said that this can be investigated when we have raised the money required and we are choosing the new apparatus. Year 1 also said that they would like to see more colour around the school please.

Year 2

Year 2 requested to have another 'No writing Day'. Mrs Saunders has already put this into the Diary. Year 2 also asked if it was possible to have a Roller Skating or Ice Skating Workshop. Mrs Saunders and Mrs Kelly liked this idea and Mrs Saunders said she would do some investigation into whether this would be possible.

Year 3

Year 3 made a request to have Baguettes on the lunch menu for Thursdays please. Mrs Saunders said that she would investigate this. They also asked if it would be possible for other year groups to go to Forest School. Mrs Saunders explained that, traditionally, Forest School is something special for Reception children. She said that, possibly, we could have another trip to the Forest for the whole school which we have done in the past. There is also a visit to Jeskyns planned during Sports Week.

Year 4

Year 4 suggested having 'World Career Day'. This would be a day when you could come to school dressed up in an outfit that reflects your dream job/career. Mrs Saunders thought that this was a great idea, possibly for Term 6. The children have only just dressed up for World Book Day. This would work really well with the request Mrs Saunders sent out earlier this week, for Parents to volunteer to come into school, to share the jobs that they do during a Friday assembly. Year 4 also asked whether Reception children could be allowed to join Centre Stage after school on a Monday. Mrs Saunders said that she would look into this.

Year 5

Year 5 suggested having a wet sponge fight to raise money for the NSPCC and the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. Mrs Saunders said that this could be an event that could be held during the Football Day that the PTA are arranging. She also commended Year 5 for thinking about helping the people who have been affected by the terrible earthquakes in Turkey. Year 5 also requested some new Ace Balls please.

Year 6

Year 6 requested new backboards for the basketball hoops and also some more balls for Ace and other games at playtimes. They asked if the balls could not be the foam ones as they get wet and fall to bits fairly quickly. Light plastic balls seem to last longer and would be preferred if possible.

9. Date for next School Council Meeting:

The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 10:15am.

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