

# Parent Council Newsletter

Welcome to the first Parent Council Newsletter of the spring term. Also welcome to Mrs Pike who has just joined the committee - thank you. We would still like a few more parents to join us - please give this your consideration.

## Curriculum Evening

Those parents who were unable to attend the Curriculum Workshop on Monday missed a very interesting and hugely informative evening. Mrs Hewitt & Mr Wootton outlined the new changes to the National Curriculum and Assessment Procedures and explained how these will be implemented in school to the benefit of our children. All staff were present but, sadly parental support was poor. Please ask Mrs Hewitt if you would like more information.

## Home Learning

Based on discussion within the Parent Council and responses from the annual Parent Questionnaire, some key changes are also planned for Home Learning, starting after half term: -

- At the start of each half term children will be given a 'menu' of home learning activities such as art/craft based, ICT based etc... They will choose 2 or 3 to be completed during a given time frame. This will allow children more scope to get involved in the type of activity they really enjoy and able to avoid doing too much of the activities they find more difficult or less interesting.
- The Home Learning will be linked to Welcoming Wednesday & Family Friday sessions and put out on display for the children to show parents.
- **Big Maths** will be sent home along with assessment books so parents can see progress and help their child at home.
- **Reading & Phonics** will still be part of the weekly schedule.

## Hot School Meals

Zoe & Vicky explained how the new lunchtime system operated and how the initial 'teething' problems have all been resolved. It was thought that the uptake would have been greater, especially in KS1, but it is hoped that the Taster Session planned for **Wed 11th Feb** will improve this. It was felt that the company should try to put the menus on line quicker, especially prior to busy holiday periods, to minimise the risk of parents forgetting to order in time for the next term.

Next Meeting - Friday 20th March at 2.00pm

**All Welcome**



## Hot School Lunch

### TASTER SESSION

Wed 11th Feb  
from 2.30pm

Your chance to taste the food on offer to the children and talk to the staff. Please feed back your views –it's the best way to make changes.

## Reading Resources

Have you any ideas on how to raise money to update our reading books?

## Meetings

We meet half termly to discuss topical issues. Your views are important - please tell us!