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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Reps Meeting 4 November

We had our first class reps meeting on Friday. We had every class represented and a good session of sharing what's working well, and things that could be improved. We also talked a little about the forthcoming consultation on the PAN reduction and the cost of living.

Main themes for consideration/questions included:

- Communication – getting this right seems to be a constant tightrope of 'too much/too little' in all schools, but we are about to renew our comms provider, so all of the feedback regarding simplifying the platform, allowing more than one parent/carer on the text etc. will be useful in this process.
- Lunches – Reception parents especially were concerned about whether their children had enough to eat and were choosing an option they liked. Please talk to your child's teacher or TA if you have a worry, and I will follow up whether our school can offer a baked potato option like some other Caterlink schools in the area.
- Snacks – all children are offered fruit daily. You may provide a snack instead (ask your child's teacher if you think they may need an extra snack). This should be something reasonably healthy such as fruit/cheese/crackers/small sandwich. Please no crisps, sweets or chocolate and no nuts/seeds as we have some severe nut allergies in school.
- Knowing what the school day looks like and being able to engage with your child in discussions about e.g. 'Chair of Champions', 'Learning Partners. I will be talking to the teachers to see if we can get a 'day in the life' post for you on Tapestry. We may have rather missed the boat this year, but it will be very useful going forward.
- Talking to teachers – if you have something to discuss that won't fit in a quick message on the door please ask them to call you later or leave a message with the office.
- Voice mails – these ALWAYS get picked up especially in the afternoons as we know you leave messages about pick-up issues.
- Phonics meetings – The Reception one was well received, and there will be a **Year 1 phonics meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 7pm and a repeat of this on Friday 18th November at 1.30pm**. You do not need to book. Do look out for Maths ones to come during the year.
- If you need to contact a class rep, and especially if you are not on the class WhatsApp, you can leave a note in the school office and we will pass them on.
- Cost of living – the cost/quality of school photos was raised and we will consider this within the constraints of requiring pupil photos for our admin systems and what it offers the school in terms of fundraising.
- PAN consultation – there was a question about whether siblings would still get a place if we reduce our intake. As approx.. 45% of our intake are siblings, the numbers would still allow all siblings who want a place to have one. Please come along to the consultations and the governors and I will be able to make our views clear, alongside the presentation from the LA.

Thank you to all the class reps, and of course also to our student reps, the School Council, who are also regularly giving me feedback on the workings of the school. It is a pleasure to work with you all. All parents can have their say through our parent/carer survey – please find it here: https://forms.gle/r9z1F8e2hw8DX1M5A

Yours sincerely.

Hildi Mitchell, Headteacher