

Parent Council – Thu 14th May 2019

Jo Dyer –

- Swimming... concerns that EYFS children didn't swim for long enough initially. However now that children are getting quicker at changing and know all of the routines they are getting much longer in the pool. We have also moved playtimes and children can miss assembly to find extra time.
- School dinners.... is the plan to order them in advance like the juniors? Yes parents will receive a letter this week with their log ins etc and will need to order a week in advance. Questions on this – Will Junior accounts merge with infant accounts if you have ch. At both schools. Can we control texts sent out as they are full on from CCJ? Is there a Parent Pay app?
- Text messages.... a few reception parents got confused by the volume of texts we got last week in particular. Sch will try to send less messages and give better info initially. We will also put better updates on FB. Office staff and AM will make sure that we communicate who has sent texts and what has been said. We will also make sure we say which class texts are relevant for. Can we make sure we text re things like tournaments either way – if they have a place or don't.
- The kids are loving the new menu!! AM will pass this onto the cook. Lots of parents agreed.

Rebecca Trudgen

- The only thing I was going to mention was a positive comment about the transition process - both within CCI and across to CCJ. I think this is done so well. It really gives children a chance to meet their new teacher, TA, new classmates and experience the new classroom. It helps avoid some of the anxiety in late August! GJ is working closely again with CCJ to make sure the transition is just as good this year. SD will offer excellent support for children who are feeling more anxious about it. Someone raised that the SENCO should be more accessible to Y2 parents who are worried.

For school

- Homework not happening much in EYFS – what can we do about this? Whole school will look at what homework is more important and explain this clearly to parents. Consider using apps like CCJ do. Would be nice if we acknowledged if children start reading more at home even if not 4 times.
- School Uniform has slipped – particularly PE Uniform. What can we do? Introduce a PE Uniform and remind parents and children what we expect. We need to tighten up on our expectations esp. as CCJ is very strict.

AOB:

- We will be hosting a charity BBQ for our Cook's husband who lost his business in the recent Fishponds fire – June 28th 4-7pm.
- Teddy Bears picnic confirmed for 13th Sept 4.30-6.

- We need to make sure we have enough LBS staff to supervise children when EYFS first start at school as we were short staffed at times last year.