

Coffee and Conversation: Parent Q and A

Tuesday 27th April 2021 8:15am

School-led topics:

1) School Clubs

Discussion of the data shared with parents around children's choice of clubs. The new hall gives an almost unique opportunity to begin again with lettings for clubs which the children are very keen to attend.

Sports clubs were very popular with gymnastics and football featuring strongly. All clubs with more than 20 votes (33%+ of responses) would be offered by the school if possible. Parents' suggestions of club providers have proved particularly useful, so thank you to those who put forward names and contact details.

French and Spanish were the most popular language clubs and language playgroups had some enthusiasm, but for a variety of different languages. STEM clubs – especially coding, computing, engineering and environmental club – were popular.

Indoor clubs which were popular included Art, Craft and Cooking, as well as Chess. There was a mixed response to the idea of clubs for families – parents and children exercising together for example – but the school is keen to give this a go in September with the 40%+ of families who responded "Maybe"!

Next term, school clubs will be booked and paid for on Scopay as previously. A timetable for Autumn Term clubs will be sent out in September as usual.

2) School Website

The website topic was raised because the school is keen to redevelop the current website which is a few years old and can sometimes be tricky to navigate if you're not familiar with it. The school has booked a day's photo shoot with the school photographer to update the website pictures and is keen to simplify the navigation. A format which works well on desktop, phone and tablet would be most suitable.

Parents present at the meeting said that they have always found what they were looking for on the website, though they used it more to seek out the right school for their child than they do now to find information. It has recently been useful for Summer Uniform information and for Clubs timings. We discussed signposting prospective parents, new parents and current parents towards different areas of the website to make information easier to find. Feedback from parents was that the website is clear and informative, but a refresh is always welcome.

AOB:

Only one question was received from a parent for this meeting:

Are the bike racks in the shed available for use for all year groups?

Yes, all year groups are welcome to use the bike racks (by the exit gate to KS2 playground) for bikes and scooters. We strongly encourage all children to walk, cycle or scoot to school where we can. In order to keep the bike racks COVID-secure, we are operating a one in – one out policy. Please don't leave the bikes in the racks overnight.

Next meeting: Friday 18th June at 8:15am via Zoom