

## 2 Parent Council– September 2014

### **1. School visits and prices**

Mrs Sankey suggested a cap on school visits due to the fact that some parents were not contributing.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that no cap was needed as it depends on the need of the year group and quality of the visits.

Concerns were raised over public transport but parents agreed it was down to the teacher organising the visit and the HT to decide what was best. Parents always have the option of not sending their child and other children should not miss out.

### **2. Reading with older children**

Mrs Sankey raised the issue of children who are confident readers not being heard to read aloud at home. Children needed to make further progress and some children did not have a clear understanding of the text or the meaning of some words.

Suggestions were

Free reading is tricky as some children then think they can read what they like with less guidance from staff

Encourage children to read the same book again so they read it faster and with more understanding within/ after a period of time.

Children encouraged to keep a list of the words they have checked the meaning of.

Mrs Sankey / SLT member to discuss with the children and encourage them to read aloud even if they a confident reader.

### **3. Parent Facebook pages**

*Mrs Sankey raised the issue of parents making negative reports about the school or people working within it. She explained the affect it had on staff. The parents agreed it needed to be managed more carefully and parents made aware of their comments being in the public domain. These can be shown/ screen shots made and that at times comments made were untrue.*

### **4. New school dinner system**

*Parents pleased with the hot meals and saw no issues in the systems. Mrs Sankey raised an issue with the dinner tickets a parent had emailed in about. The parents at the meeting thought the school had given ample notice regarding the changes and buying tickets on the phone line. The issue was raised about secondary schools being cashless and parents would need to prepare for that.*