

## **Parent Forum Friday 24 March 2023**

Present: Tim Whitehead (Head Teacher) Donna Akrigg (Teacher) Karen Law (Parent Governor Minutes) and Four Parents/Carers from school

Agenda items put forward by parents:

- After school activities
- Online courses

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- Speeding traffic past school
- PTA funds

### Speeding traffic past school

TW explained the ongoing process and goal regarding the School Streets scheme and that he will continue to pursue this avenue. When the road was last assessed the traffic was not perceived to be a problem. In the meantime parents have been asked to park at the White Lion pub, for which an agreement is in place, if the church car park is full. Parents have been asked not to park on the roads around school. A walking bus runs on a Monday and Wednesday although the Monday uptake is poor and as such this day may ultimately be dropped.

### PTA Funds

TW explained that the school budget is tight at present. TW is looking at using PTA funds to purchase new sports kit for school.

TW explained that a parent had in the past been useful in carrying out repairs that have been outsourced but this has now ended since the parent's child left the school. It was agreed that TW will ask in the newsletter whether any parents have the appropriate skills to volunteer to carry out jobs required in school.

### After school activities

TW and DA explained that space is limited for after school activities particularly in winter and now that school club is being run in school. DA explained that school already offers more activities after school than some schools. DA was asked if clubs could take place in classrooms after school and she advised that this disrupts teachers' preparation for classes. TW is looking at re-establishing girls' football and cookery club after Easter. He is keen to also re-establish art club although Denisa is busy. Running club on a Wednesday and dancing run by Kim Wilkinson continue to be popular. It was agreed that those present would consider whether there is any further scope to run extra clubs possibly with parent involvement.

### Online courses

A parent explained how she was completing some online free courses which assist her with meeting the needs of her children. TW asked her if she would prepare a newsletter article to promote the courses and she agreed to this.