

January 2021

Dear school councillors

Please share the feedback from the class meetings with your class in the next few days to discuss the following:

1. Are there any other games that you would like Jack to do in your lunchtime session with him on the middle playground instead of football?

*There were lots of suggestions for this one but we need to make sure it is manageable for a 30 minute lunchtime slot. Some of your ideas require too much equipment that would have to be cleaned between each year group using it, or take up too much space. The best ideas were:*

*Basketball, dodgeball, football, various tig games, frisbee*

*This will be passed on to Jack and his manager at Premier Sport and they will decide on a plan for the next few weeks.*

*If our lunchtimes are still the same in the Spring and Summer, we can look at using the field too but we can't do that at the moment.*

2. Do you have any questions/ideas about school life at the moment or things you would like school council to discuss with Mrs Casling and Mrs Hellings?

*There were lots of questions about lunchtimes.*

- *We can't go on the field until the weather is better*
- *Mrs Casling is going to trial cricket and basketball on the bottom playground with Y5/6 to start with, if it works then it might be rolled out to Y4*
- *Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 can take their playtime box out at lunchtime*
- *No equipment or tennis balls should be brought in from home*
- *No big football games unless it is with Jack on the middle playground*
- *We still cannot use the hall for lunch as there isn't enough time to wipe down the tables and chairs in between classes. At the moment, just Reception are eating in the hall. For now, you need to continue eating lunch in your place in the classroom and play with your friends outside.*
- *We cannot have longer lunchtimes as the dinner staff only work 12 - 1.30 which gives us 3 half hour slots - Rec/Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6*

- *We already have a cricket coach, a rugby coach and a football coach in so we can't have anyone else in for playtimes or lunchtimes at the moment*
- *The dinner menu has to fit in with healthy eating guidelines and also work for the way Mrs Mann and the kitchen staff can prepare and deliver it to each bubble - she has given a lot of thought about how to make it work well*

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There were some questions about playtimes

- *You need to wash hand before and after playtime*
- *Playtime boxes can go out as a year group and need to stay on your allocated playground but you need to look after the things and they must be returned to your box so they don't get mixed up with other year group bubbles.*
- *No big football games unless it is your turn on the rota with a teacher on duty*
- *We can't have any extra playtimes at the moment as we have to give each year groups a time slot for break, lunch, PE and daily mile - it gets quite busy!*

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There were some other general questions

- *We are going to carry on doing the staggered starts and finishes at different gates to keep year group bubbles separate and to make sure that there are not too many parents on Green Lane at one time to help keep everyone safe*
- *Poppy is in school some days, she can't be in every day because it gets too much. If you would like her to visit your class, ask your teacher to email Mrs Hellings to book a time*
- *We can't worship in the hall at the moment but there are class worships and Mrs Leng, Mrs Hellings and Mrs Swann are doing online worships. Just before Christmas, Mrs Casling did a Y5/6 meeting via Teams on which worked well and she connected to the classrooms via her laptop - ask your teacher to email Mrs Casling if you think you would like a worship/meeting with her like this.*
- *All the lessons have to fit in to your class timetable so we can't just do more of one thing than another, but let your teacher know if you really enjoyed a lesson and they might be able to plan more lessons like it*

- *We can't use lockers and cloakrooms until the restrictions set by the government are eased. At the moment it would be too much squashing people in to a small space, and more areas of school to be cleaned*
- *We can't use the hall for PE yet as the advice is it is better to be outside when exercising in a nice big space.*
- *The same goes for Go Noodle - it is not a good idea to do anything in the classroom where there is lots of exercise so people are breathing heavily when you are close together, but if your windows and doors are open there might be some activities on there that can be done - your teacher will be able to choose sensible ones*
- *We can't do any after school events like discos yet*
- *We can't fit any more yoga with Anna into the timetable yet as each class needs to have a slot, but if you enjoy it your teacher might be able to find some online yoga to take part in or suggest some websites to try at home*
- *Theme weeks - in the new year we have World Book day coming up (4<sup>th</sup> March), Number Day (7<sup>th</sup> Feb), children's mental health week (Feb) when we will be doing lots of PSHE. There will be some dress down/dress up days as part of these events - more info to follow nearer the time*
- *There will always be somebody in school to look after you. If Mrs Hellings is ever off, Mrs Casling will in. If she can't be in, Mr Clarke or one of our other teachers on the senior leadership team will be able to help make decisions on school (Miss Lillington, Miss Slaney, Miss Chang).*

Thank you for all your questions and ideas - it really helps us to think about what is happening in our school and how we can keep on making it better ☺