

**Meeting of the School Council to be held on**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016 at 9.30am**

Agenda

1. Reports from Committees.
  2. Has behaviour in the dining hall improved since January 2016?
  3. Pupil views about Collective Worship since September 2015.
  4. Staff news.
  5. Pupil views about Fast Learning.
  6. School Diary.
  7. Date and time of next meeting.
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1. Personnel Committee are planning to meet with two new members of staff starting School next week, to help them settle in. The Health and Safety Committee gave a report about the Food for Life programme. There will be a SNAG meeting taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and an E-safety group. The Anti-bullying Committee have been thinking about designing a poster and coming up with some questions for midday supervisors about bullying. There was a discussion about why the Committee was doing this when bullying is not an issue at Calow Primary. The Committee will meet again to give it more thought.
  2. The School Council agreed that manners had improved in the dining hall, although some children are still talking with food in their mouths. There are two classes making a noise, including children returning from Lexia but the volume had reduced for everyone else. The School Council really liked the idea of dining room helpers and said they were making a big difference.
  3. It was agreed that Collective Worship was even better since September because staff were attending every day and the new themes are interesting. Some children from one class were spoiling things. There was discussion about choice of music and it was decided that pupils would select modern music on a regular basis. The Council said they enjoyed Father Kevin's Collective Worship but it was sometimes too loud. The Council said they particularly enjoyed Mr. Thacker's Collective Worship because they are interesting, enjoyable and funny.
  4. Some members of the School council said they had seen on the news that were problems keeping teachers in schools. Mr. Thacker said that it was happening in lots of schools and explained some of the reasons. He also explained that Mr. Cohen had left to become a member of the Leadership team of the school where he lived. Governors had appointed two Teaching Assistants who will be starting work on 25<sup>th</sup> January. One will be in Year three and the other in Year 5.
  5. Classes had been very positive about Fast Learning. Comments include: it gets brains working; improves knowledge of multiplication tables; improves mental maths skills; improves spellings; and children liked trying to beat their personal best. There is an issue with exercise books but these are being ordered.
  6. Special events coming up include an Egyptian Day, P.T.F.A Bingo, Shakespeare Week and celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  7. The next meeting will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00 p.m. At this meeting the School Council will be asked to select outdoor play equipment for the top field.