



Ripley Court School Council Meeting summary 31st January 2012



The first school council of 2012 took place today and the following points were discussed:

1. Several mentioned the drinking fountains. The Headmaster has ordered another be placed outside the kitchens on the field. (It is not helped that children are washing their hands and even their football boots in the fountains!) Fortunately, the drinking spouts themselves are clean.
2. Mr Brunning is to be asked to include more field events in the athletics, particularly javelin, shot and discus.
3. A discussion ensued on whether the climbing frame could have “grippy” surfaces applied for inclement weather. Subsequent research has indicated that this is very difficult for natural wooden surfaces, and that any surface will be slippery when wet or frozen. This is one of the things where conditions have to be taken into account before overambitious manoeuvres are attempted!
4. Food – with new caterers starting after half term some suggestions such as larger portions for older children, (although the children themselves do have some control over this) and more chocolate puddings and ice cream were requested. The children did agree that the puddings were very good.
5. Could we have another set of chess pieces? Mr Brunning will be asked. (there are three sets available)
6. Blazers for Little Court? Vetoed by the Headmaster on behalf of the parental exchequer! The Little Court uniform is more geared towards practicality.
7. Another netball hoop at breaks – again we have the problem (mentioned last time w.r.t. hard court play area) of where we would place them.
8. Could we have a clock in the walled garden? Mr Gough has ordered one.
9. Concern about parents parking in “silly places” on Rose Lane. Several thought this dangerous. Parents concerned beware!
10. One suggested the children are asked to run more laps at games. This had a frosty reception by the other delegates!
11. A commendable thought was that we have more charity events. These are fun and good for the community, but the Headmaster was keen that we do not merely set up occasions for a further denting of the aforementioned parental exchequers. Our current rate is about two per term, which is probably about right.
12. Year 2 delegates asked whether Reception could have their own adventure playground which was less demanding than the senior one. In fact, this is being developed with the RCPA at this moment.

Another interesting and useful discussion – well done to all.