

Whole school meeting minutes: KETNS May 2014

Agenda:

- 1. Premises**
- 2. Summer Fair**
- 3. Homework**
- 4. Second Level**
- 5. Spelling**
- 6. International Day**

1) Premises

Melinda updated all present on plans for premises for next year.

2) Summer Fair

- Date of Fair - 8th June
- Newsletter to go out with information
- Volunteers needed
- No fee for entry, People can donate money
- Encourage businesses to take stands

3) Homework

- Some parents hoped homework would be emailed, in particular for Senior Classes- School explained that all children are to take down their homework and if there continues to be a problem, speak to the class teacher. It was explained that children need to learn to take responsibility of their homework.
- Questions about homework sheets arose- Principal explained that the school do not use textbooks as it allows teachers the freedom to explore different books/resources and use the one that is best suited for the class.
- Check online for school homework policy.
- The school has an open school policy so please consult teachers if any problem arises.
- Parents were reminded to keep an eye out for homework workshops which take place during the school year.

4) Second Level

- Concerns over the availability of places for children attending Educate Together schools.
- Advice was to check enrolment policies.
- Enrolment policies could all change as Ruairi Quinn is currently reviewing practices.
- Parents were encouraged to challenge enrolment policies if they were unhappy and to do it early.
- ET secondary schools- important that people show an expression of interest for ET secondary schools.
- Important to fill out forms. One form per child
- A committee has been set up to support a location of an Educate Together school in the West of Ireland.
- Encouraged people to look at the Facebook website campaign.

5) Spelling

- Parents are happy with the new spelling programme in the school.

- Some parents were a little confused about the process- they were reminded to look out for workshops in the school designed to inform parents.
- Staff acknowledged some areas need to be revisited.

6) International day

- Date: 23rd May
- Volunteers needed
- Go to class teacher to volunteer.
- No money to exchange hands on the day
- All Classes will attend
- It lasts all day
- Flags to be provided to parents.