*School Council Minutes. 17.1.24*

***Present: Jack, Phoebe, Wrenn, Bill, Parker, Ada***

Miss Rogers started by wishing all the counsellors a Happy New Year and hoped they had, had a good Christmas. They said that they had, had lots of fun.

Ada told us all that there was some writing in their class book that we should look at. Class 7 are worried about the rubbish around school. They said that it was also getting thrown over the fence and so were some of the toys.

Jack added that he thought if we didn’t get some of the rubbish picked up then this school would ‘start looking like a dumpit site’.

*Action: Miss Rogers has given the litter pickers to Class 1 and they are going to clean up this week. Next week it will be Class 2’s turn. The teachers will pass the litter pickers on to the next class at the end of every week.*

*The council are hoping that this might sort out some of the rubbish problem. If it doesn’t sort it then we will have to have another think.*

The Counsellors are also concerned about the toys being thrown in the trees. They said that one boy is always throwing hoops as high as he can to show his tricks. Odin felt that was dangerous, meant there was no hoops and wanted a teacher to stop it happening. Bill also commented on footballs being kicked over. Wrenn said she stayed out of the way of the football as it was too rough and Phoebe said she didn’t like it either. They said that they didn’t want to hear so much swearing either.

*Action: School Council agreed that the teachers do not give the children balls back straight away when they have kicked them over. They also felt it was good that football was restricted to one area. They would like the children to continue to be told when the game gets too ‘rough’. They also would like adults to make sure that equipment is being played with properly and that hoops are not being flung really high so that they get stuck in the trees.*

Miss Rogers spoke to the children about the letter Mrs Townsend had received regarding parking around school. The letter said that parking wasn’t safe and children were at risk. We also know that too many parents are still parking in the car park at Alpine Lodge. We had a big discussion about this and The School Council were quite concerned. Jack was especially worried about the helpers not being able to access the old people at Alpine Lodge or maybe even an ambulance.

These were their ideas about what we could do:

* Offer a financial reward to all the parents who had parked correctly and considerately. (Whilst the counsellors generously offered their piggy banks, I did say that I thought it might become a bit expensive that idea).
* Send a letter to grown ups to remind them about parking sensibly.
* Make some parking ticket fliers to put on cars that aren’t parked properly. (Jack wasn’t sure we could do this as children are only allowed out on school trips!)
* Posters or signs outside school.
* Remind people of Park and Stride as that would be the best solution.

*Action: Miss Rogers will speak to Mrs Townsend about what she thinks is the best idea to try.*