

Parent reps minutes of 31st March 2017

Present: Mrs Devereaux-Bridge, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Sandor, Ms Lewis, Mrs Bowers, Mrs Jones, Mrs Kirkby, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Wookey, Mrs Foot

Apologies received for: Mrs Jukes, Mrs Withers and Mrs Taylor

Minutes from last meeting – Ofsted picked up ‘reports’ which we are changing, also ‘marking and assessment’. With regards to Geography and History – things are in place but there is no evidence in children’s books yet.

WAC Feedback needed - Reps asked to encourage parents to respond by email about what’s good, could be better, why they stopped using WAC

Y2 Apple

‘Firstly we would all like to say a huge well done to all the staff for the Ofsted report.’ Parents thought it was a very good Ofsted report, the school thought it was a good strong experience. Inspector looked at all questionnaires and both school questionnaire replies and Ofsted ones agreed.

It would be nice if we could accompany our own child’s class in Forest School. I think it would increase the number of volunteers so if people want to volunteer to help their child’s class shouldn’t the school be jumping at the chance? When time is tight/scarce for working parents particularly Dads isn’t it a lovely opportunity for them to help their children and the class. [Yes, we have relaxed this. Sue Solomon will coordinate volunteers.](#)

‘Parking ticket idea’ - this was pasted on the PSA Facebook page and it had a lot of likes and comments. As you know the parking issue is huge. Not only for the school, neighbours but also the majority of the parents as well. We want our children to be safe and it is the same few parents/ carers that cause the parking issues every time. Reps suggested we did this every day for a week then once a week – Helen has ‘parking ticket type wallets which look official. [We have parking notes by the front office for you to pick up and use.](#)

Learning journey – there were no reminders for these. [It was in the newsletter, almost always these will be the last week of a long term. School will remind reps to remind parents.](#)

Y4 Hazel

Sport – Mrs Tizzard has been asked to do a stock take of PE equipment and identify what we are short of with regards to PE equipment, and report back

Class assembly dates were given to Reps but Y1 Beech is wrong – should be WEDNESDAY 12TH June
Sports day is 5th July 2017

Y1 Beech

Thanks to staff and others for the clubs that they run/help run.

Maths – some parents have asked if there is a way they can support the maths learning (I know there is INSPIRE info on the website but they asked about some info on what they do in school that week?) [Mrs Owen will ask Mr Wyke for some more links](#)

Please can notes from previous meeting be on the website a little earlier than 2 nights before the next meeting – as a parent rep I wanted to check if there were any outstanding issues!!!!!!) [Yes, point taken!](#)

Y6 Oak

Usual thanks for everything and a big thank-you to Mr Bailey whom we will sadly miss. Thank-you for getting a new teacher in place so quickly and arranging a handover. The children like her already! [Tuesday will continue to be Miss Ritchie’s drop in day.](#)

Please could year 6 have a nice trip to finish off their time at BD, they missed out on a trip to the London Eye and would love the chance for this to be made up for them in the last time after all the hard work on SATS (which has been exhausting for them!). **No trip is planned but theme weeks have been organised just for Y6 as follows: 5th June 1960's, 12th June 1970's, 19th June 1980's, and 26th June 1990's.** These weeks will be planned and lead by the children's interests. From each decade they will look at the fashions, the music, the art and key political events. Can they consider an alternative place to house the children's bags and coats in WAC. It's sometimes unhygienic in the toilet with children's property being strewn across the toilet floor and having to wait for people to finish using the toilet before they can collect their things and leave. **Yes we have moved KS2 coats and bags out so now they have to collect them from classroom, although currently KS1 & Y3 still use it. We are looking into using the Music room or the small area by the care room instead.**

Update on plans (e.g. financial commitments) for 50th celebration please? Reps suggested a couple of names of people who may be able to help. **School is using just fundraising events, there will be no compulsory payments. We have planned a video, birthday mugs, whole school photo, summer party, tree planting.**

Children have reported an improvement in school meals, please keep it up and make sure the portions are ok

Y5 Pine

I haven't been asked to raise any particular issues at the class reps meeting (so far at least!) but a number of us would like to say how great we think Mrs Wilson is – we feel the learning has been fantastic in class this year and appreciate how hard Mrs Wilson works to support the children and follow up with parents' individual concerns. We also think that the fund raising they have done for Pepenbury has been a great success and has really inspired the children to think about what they can do to help others.

Q When will the CATS tests be reported? **24th and 25th May**

Y4 Sycamore

Could we please have an update on when the internal classroom is going to be turned into the library? **Oak won't be turned into a library yet, it is likely that one of the Y3 mobile classrooms will be a library in September until we have lost the majority of 'double year groups'.**

Please can we have a calendar of important upcoming dates, even if this is done termly? There is an increasing amount to remember. **Should be on the website, we will ensure that this is updated over Easter with key dates.**

Please can the school supply things needed for projects and buy in bulk and add on to cost on ParentPay, e.g. Recent Henna Workshop? **We do pay up front, then ask for parent donations but the majority of time we don't cover the full cost with the donations. If we purchased the items for the Henna Workshop and parent didn't pay then we would be even more out of pocket, and it's nice to decorate something from home (e.g. a stone from the rockery)**

ParentPay – can school set up Residential services so these show how much is left to pay? **Yes we can moving forward, can't change the current ones.**

Can we set up so payments get taken automatically if there are multiple payments required? – **We will look into this**

Y6 Larch

Year Six performance: classes are still keen to have two separate performances, do we have dates for each class yet? **Larch Monday 17th 2pm and 7pm, Oak 18th July 2pm, 7pm.**

Talent Show? Will there be one this year and if so do we have a date yet? **No date yet, the children are asking as well!**

Leavers' assembly: is there a date for this yet? **20th July 2pm**

Y3 Mulberry

Regular Use of the library. **Mrs Naismith has said that they use the class library more than the school library.**

AOB

Discussion over cost of coaches for trips – reps asked if we could car pool. **Whilst this may work, it does rely on several parents committing, and if one parent cancels last minute we then have several children who can't be transported. There is also insurance implications. Therefore, this is not feasibly for whole class trips.**

What are the consequences for under 5's of Reception holidays in term time – This will be unauthorised in accordance with the school policy, but there will be no further legal implications.

Video of school on CD – can children order copies when it's done? We hope so.
School still need permission for children to take part in this, Jo will be chasing for these.

30hrs Nursery? Yes we will be doing this. School will be offering sessions, not full day care, so Breakfast Club & Wrap Around Care will be separate, the policy is being re-written.

Future meetings

Monday 15th May

Friday 16th June

Friday 7th July