

## Parent Reps 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

**Present:** Mrs Lucas, Mrs Lott, Mrs Watts, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Zeeman, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Thana

Mrs Owen opened the meeting by asking the Reps if they would like future meetings to be in a different format to focus on the positives, and enable Reps to be more involved in certain decisions about the physical aspects of the school by putting forward ideas for different areas.

Reps confirmed that yes they would like to be involved in decisions about fencing and canopies, also agreed that maintenance on the Friendships Stop and back field equipment should be first

Playground fencing ideas were discussed. The fencing needs updating and a type of chain link was suggested factoring in football goal needs and playground areas, possibly to be paid for by both PSA and school budget combined.

Canopies were also discussed, possibly over the front door, which Reps thought would make the entrance area easier to identify from the car park. Also a canopy over the rear door to the playground would be nice. Reps asked if there were other things which school needed to put before these, and Mrs Owen explained that she has two pots of money, one of which needs to be spent on the site, hence why she is asking for their thoughts.

Internet safety day is on 6<sup>th</sup> February and there will be a speaker for Y3-Y6, and a separate letter coming home about this.

Reps then moved onto class notes.

### **Beech**

- Numerous parents wanted to say a big thank you to staff for all they do.
- There is a concern about break time and lunchtime monitoring. Instance of a parent picking up from nursery often and can't see anyone watching her child who has been on occasions by the nursery gate. [Staff stationed around the playground so this should not happen, children are also aware that they should not cross the white line painted on the ground there.](#)
- A few parents have raised that they would like a bit more detail about what the children are learning each term and what the school day consists of (Mrs Holliday used to do a very brief weekly newsletter which was much appreciated). Parents know this term's topic is pollution but are not sure what fun activities are involved. The parent mentioned there is lots of academic work being done but is unsure about the amount of creativity, music, art etc. Would also love to know more about the topics to talk about it and encourage it at home – [Mrs Owen will look into this](#)
- Could the free after school club allocations be reallocated on a termly basis? I am not sure how this would work but the issue is that new children who miss the July cut off for the activities don't get a place at clubs. [No, from a school point of view this can't happen, but we will continue to look at other systems: however, it is all linked to Wrap Around Care bookings](#)
- Multiple parents want to raise the issue that children do not get time to drink water during the day. According to parents:
  - Children are not allowed water bottles during class. [Not true](#)
  - They are not allowed to take their water bottles into the playground. [Not true](#)

- If they want a drink at break times, they have to find a teacher to take them back to the classroom. [Not true](#)
- Children that are having school meals don't get to take their water bottles to lunch either. [No – water on tables is provided. Packed lunch children can take their water bottles in.](#)
- There are also concerns that the classroom is very hot which makes the need for water greater. [The room is no warmer than 22 maximum, we try to keep the room between 19-21](#)

### Apple

- The Reptile Man was good.
- Parents are sad that Hollie is leaving.
- PE kits seem to be getting lost – [Mrs Parkes will be getting children to check more carefully that they have their own](#)

**Maple** – No comments from these Reps

### Hazel

- The Talent show was good
- School lunches still cold, not good, although the menu is better this term than last term – [Mrs Owen confirmed that Kent come in to inspect and we are good. She is meeting the area manager with the School Council next week](#)
- There are rumours that children are spitting into the water jugs at lunchtime – [Mrs Owen feels this is just a rumour as the midday supervisors are constantly watching children, but will investigate.](#)
- There is a Year 4 Hazel cake/book sale next week after school and a Parentmail will be going out about this.
- The Carol Service was good
- Consultations – when are they? [These will be out today, reports will be sent home before half term.](#)
- Is World Book Day a dress up day? [Mrs Owen believed it is but will confirm.](#)
- Winter Athletics club was held for so few weeks, can we extend it? [No, sorry, as Mrs Tizzard then moves onto another sport with a different age group. She only cancels clubs if she is ill and can find no other member of staff to take over.](#)

### Sycamore

- Is PE being cancelled to catch up on class work? [PE in class should not be cancelled.](#)

### Redwood

These are the comments from parents of Redwood which we received within the past day.

- BD got talent - amazing and great diversity of talent. Great evening. It was a long time for children to wait if they were in the second half.
- PSA quiz night well organised and fun - perhaps earlier promotion would help more attend. [Mrs Owen will pass this to the PSA](#)
- Meet the teacher - not happened yet? When will we meet Mrs Owen? [This will be organised soon!](#)

- Hair accessories for girls only blue and red allowed - can this not include neutrals (black, brown, cream?) more readily available. Prices and availability were checked in Boots and Accessorise and neutrals are far more readily available (8 types v 1) and cost less than half the price e.g.: £2 for 2 v £4.99 for red or blue. Some parents cannot understand the reasoning behind this and wholeheartedly support non jazzy styles, but cannot afford buying more expensive items. [Yes, neutrals are fine.](#)
- Marvellous middle biscuit making. Kids did not get to make but just watch. Tasted these a few days later. V disappointing. [Biscuits had to go back to Mrs Cowell's to bake as there wasn't enough room in the oven.](#)
- Pink peg system- heavy use of this term. Children are becoming frustrated and despondent. Lack of praise and focus on positives, as not many green pegs given. Reps will email separately. It appears to be on Mrs Owen teaching days on a few children and is having an impact on behaviour. [Mrs Owen will investigate.](#)
- Forest school workshop nice idea. (Although hard for working parents to attend).
- School gate opening later in afternoon again. [Sorry!](#)
- CATS tests – when will these occur? [Mrs Owen will look these up and advise. They normally take place in May, then school meets parents of Y5 children in June to discuss 11+ etc. The tests are not statutory, but Kent is keen that they are done. Other schools charge parents for their child to take them, but we are not doing this yet!](#)

#### **Pine**

- Nourish – one parent is having problems getting money back [This is being investigated.](#)
- Miss Ritchie is well liked
- Big Maths and Spellings are good

**Larch** - No comments from these Reps

#### **Oak**

- What will be done to make up the missed swimming lesson when the bus didn't turn up in time? [We have already organised with the pool, coach and instructors that we will be making it up on Tuesday 27th March, Parents will be advised.](#)
- One is whether there can be more information about steps being taken to improve on last year's SATS scores. [We are always going to be down compared to other schools as we have the SEN unit. To improve, we are focusing on individual subjects, which is good, but now also focusing on specific children to get support with Mrs Roberts in groups to achieve a combined score increase which is key. There is a review every 6 weeks and the groups are adjusted at this time.](#)
- The other is whether it is correct that netball club is stopping at the end of this term. [Mrs Owen will check with Mrs Gebbie.](#)

#### **AOB**

Inspire Maths – is all about mastery and goes deeper to fill the gaps children may have. The school decided to start lower down the school and are introducing one year group at a time which is proving slower but steady progress.

Maths Passports are still being used, Mrs Owen will check with Mr Wyke to do a monitor to see how many people are doing this and how consistently across the teachers.

Y6 parents would like to know the dates for the end of term productions please.

Mrs Owen shared with the Reps a list of how much each year group/class has not paid towards trips and swimming since the start of the school year which is below. They asked if school could put out to parents that the school cannot continue to cover these as it has had to cover the losses from another part of the school budget.

### Outstanding payments from parents this academic year 2017 2018

Reception & Nursery Yoga	13 x 1.50	19.5
Reception Class visit to TW Fire Station	1 x 2.17	2.17
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Y4 Hazel Swimming Term 1&2 2017	1 x 35.00	35
Y4 Ice Rink visit	3 x 10.25	30.75
Y4 Sycamore Swimming Terms 1&2 2017	2 x 33.60	67.2
Y4 Sycamore Swimming Terms 1&2 2017	5 x 67.20	336
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Y5 Bewl Water	3 x 16.50	49.5
Y5 Bewl Water	1 x 12.50	12.5
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Y6 Larch swimming T3	5 x 28	140
Y6 Oak swimming T3 2018	2 x 28	56
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Reps asked if parents all read the correspondence from school regarding the bad parking? [Possibly not, which is why Mrs Owen has been down by the drive gates to move people on as well.](#)

Request from Reception Reps – please can the consultation signup sheets go into Breakfast Club and After School Club? [Yes we will do this.](#)

**Next Meeting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am**