

Parent Reps Agenda and Meeting 12th October 2018

Present: Mrs Mandia, Mrs Patrick, Ms Levinson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Webberley, Mrs Howard, Mrs Horrell

	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Actions from the last meeting</u></p> <p>A FAQ sheet will be compiled by school and put on the website to help parents.</p> <p>There is still concern over school dinners - portion sizes, availability of items.</p> <p>Parents would like all the sports events listed on the school website for the whole year please. -school is keen to do this, and is now giving 3 weeks' notice for matches</p>	<p>James/Admin to action</p> <p>HT to investigate</p> <p>HT to action</p>
<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Mrs Owen welcomed everyone to the first Reps meeting of the new academic year, Reps introduced themselves. Mrs Owen excused herself to attend a Governors meeting and Mrs Bettles (DHT) took over.</p>	
<p><u>E-Safety</u></p> <p>Reps were asked to make other parents aware of the dangers of being unaware of what their children are doing online. There have been incidents of grooming through the game 'Fortnight', and a letter was being sent out by school to all parents today warning of the dangers. This letter will be in the school website, please can Reps promote this on Facebook etc. Parents are asked to be aware of privacy settings on children's technology.</p>	
<p><u>Gateway</u></p> <p>Discussion about Gateway. Regular bookings - School cannot assume that because a child has been for example, attending Beehive, or having lunch regularly, say every Wednesday, that they will be able to do this if they are not booked in. Parents must continue to book for every session/meal they wish their child to have, or cancel it if not required.</p> <p>Clubs booking system – this should not be used as childcare with random sessions being booked when required to suit parents. It is suggested that parents book for a whole term so the child has commitment to the club. This way it enables children who are really committed, to be able to progress and improve, and allow those children who really want to attend the club to be able to do so every session.</p>	
<p><u>Class feedback from parents</u></p> <p><u>Reception</u> – Scooters on Walk on Wednesdays are causing congestion. HT to remind children where they should be used and left.</p> <p>Can children line up against the fence and not in the playground? No</p> <p>Why were not all the children included in the Reception class photo in the Courier? School submitted 2 photos which collectively had all the children in, as they were not all in school on the same day, but the paper chose to print only one.</p> <p>When do children bring home reading books? The teacher will teach sounds first and then send reading records home.</p> <p>The Food and Fashion event was good, although some rooms ran out of food as people were taking large samples rather than small ones. Next time school will remind parents that small tasters only are offered, although we do rely on donations from parents for the food in the first place.</p>	<p>HT to action</p>

<p><u>Year 2 - Big Maths Beat That</u> results are shared in class and children are finding this stressful. BMBT scores are not shared in class. Children are handed their scores on an individual basis by an adult and encouraged not to show or discuss this with anyone else.</p> <p>Some reps would like to work on an Art project with the school and would like to discuss this with the Art Co-ordinator but don't know who to contact.</p> <p>The PSA seem to have a lack of volunteers but Ms Levinson is keen to discuss ideas. School to put her in touch with Mrs Farrimond (PSA Chair).</p> <p><u>Year 4 – Will they be swimming this year as they did not in Year 3?</u> Yes, at Rose Hill, each class is split into two groups. The aim is for all children to be swimming 25 metres by the end of KS2</p> <p>Will the school be doing anything for Children In Need? Yes, Mrs Kyte is leading this, more details to follow.</p> <p>Can school reinstate Choir? Currently there is no one able to lead this, although a parent is considering it.</p> <p>Can school have a supply of shin pads for children to use so they don't have to buy some if their child only needs them for a few weeks for a short club? School can ask for donations.</p> <p><u>Year 5 Pine – The delivery time for uniform from Price and Buckland was very long this September, much longer than normal. School can feed back to the company re this.</u></p> <p>Who will be teaching swimming? From Term 2 this will be Mrs Tizzard and Mrs Lott.</p> <p>Learning Legends – can lists be kept in class so all the children get to be the legend at some point in the year, and can Teachers let parents know? Lists are kept. Children do forget they have been nominated.</p> <p>Pen Licenses – not having one sometimes has a negative effect on the child's attitude to writing, can these be given sooner? HT will speak to the Literacy Coordinator</p> <p>Re winter uniform, can all children wear red socks? The uniform policy currently says girls can wear red or navy tights, but the boys can only wear navy or black socks. Not currently, but school will consider changing the policy.</p> <p><u>Year 5 Redwood – Can sports clubs be changed from mostly Thursdays? This depends on the staff availability to volunteer to run the clubs on different days.</u></p> <p>When is Mrs Wilson coming back? School does not know yet.</p> <p>Why was Ms Gripper moved from the class? To best accommodate children's needs across the whole school.</p> <p><u>Year 6 Oak – There are limited leadership roles for Year 6, can the school give them more opportunities, e.g sports team captains, public speaking etc. Parents felt this was good for less academic children. DHT will look into these ideas. There is a large leadership project which the DHT has applied for and if we are successful, will be taking place in Summer term.</u></p> <p>Eco Club – children were admitted by pulling names out of a hat – is this a missed opportunity? Each class teacher does this differently according to the curriculum pressure.</p> <p>Supply teachers for class – school tried to organise that the class got the same one, but illness of the supply teacher upset this.</p>	<p>HT to put them in touch.</p> <p>HT to put them in touch.</p> <p>To action</p> <p>To action</p>
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Parents felt that the homework projects in the past have been done and not shown, so not appreciated. This time they understand that school is waiting until Miss Brooks is back from sick leave. They also felt it was important for the children that they stand at the front of the class and show the class their work.

Year 1 – Is there a second hand uniform shop? Not currently as there was no demand for it after the logo changed. Possibly the PSA will start one again in the future.

Year 6 Larch – why can children not run on the playground? They can!

Year 3 – The fencing in the playground is good.

Why are there no reading records for the children now? EYFS and KS1 have reading records.

There is mass congestion at the end of the school day by the rear door onto the playground, can this be remedied? Year 4 now leaving from classroom door. Only year 5 and 6 use the back door now.

Why are the class only doing PE once a week? The class have gymnastics in the hall on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Thursday or Friday in line with the National Curriculum requirement.

Can the Big Maths Beat That information be sent by email? It is on the website so if parent know the page, they can find it. DHT has asked teachers to begin putting this information on their class memos.

Can spellings be on the class note too? Yes

School Lunches

Parents felt there was a pressure to eat quicker. No, this is not the case, and they have the same amount of time to eat and play as they did on the previous lunchtime timetable. This is possibly the perception of the children. They are not queuing longer.

Do staff check that older children are eating all their packed lunch as food is going back home in the lunch boxes? MDS will be asked to be extra vigilant and check.

The new system with Nourish means that children who are eating last, miss out on the choices of food, and have to eat what is left. HT will check with Nourish

The basic school lunch is not enough food. It is unlimited bread, salad, fruit and yoghurt, so is enough.

Do portion sizes change as children get bigger? Yes

Please can school re-circulate the email address for parents to contact Nourish directly about concerns, or can Nourish reps have an open session for parents to meet?

Can behaviour be monitored more closely at lunchtime please?

Tables and benches are dirty. These are all cleaned before the start of lunch, and frequently during the lunch hour so should not be dirty.

Next Meeting Friday 7th December at 9am

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Senco to discuss with staff

