

MINUTES OF MEETING – CLASS REPS

HELD ON FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT:

Libby Francis (Starfish)	Sue Law (Swordfish)
Melissa Pieri (Puffins)	Rosie Lee (Penguins)
Ella Fenwick (Turtles)	Jane Capaldi (Pelicans)
Emma Johnstone (Dolphins)	Jo Mackinnon (Polar Bears)
Sue Hartwell (Sharks)	Michelle Foster (Deputy Headteacher)
Esme Crowther (Stingray)	Alice Timmins (Office Manager)
Donna Walford (Orca)	

APOLOGIES: Caroline Rowley (Octopus)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Miss Foster welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Alice Timmins, the school Office Manager.

2. Review of the Minutes from the meeting held on Friday 2nd December 2016

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Jo Butler, Chair of the PTA confirmed that £600 had been raised from the sale of the children's personal Christmas cards which compared to £200 from the sale of calendars last year.

3. Shoeless Campaign

Miss Foster asked for feedback on the shoeless campaign recently initiated at St. Peter's. It was queried why each year group were different, with some year groups being allowed to bring slippers in and others only wearing stockinged feet. Miss Foster confirmed that it was an experiment at the moment and if proven successful then each year group would be able to decide.

4. PTA Matters

Jo Butler confirmed that the next PTA event was the quiz on the 17th March, and that tickets would be on sale after half-term. Like before there would be cheese and wine and an auction of promises. If anyone knows of any people with talents that could be used, please let Jo know. The next event after the quiz would be an Easter eggstravaganza after school on Friday 31st March. Jo asked if Class Reps would be able to help with being in charge of and organise a stall, to which Class Reps indicated their preferred stall. The PTA will provide anything that is required to assist with the stalls, Class Reps would just need to let her know what would be needed.

5. Matters from classes

School Dinners

Feedback from Parents was that the portions for KS2 children were not big enough, and yet the amount of food being given to EYFS/KS1 was more than plenty. The quality of the lunch was also questioned and whether there was enough hot food each day as more and more children seemed to be having a jacket potato which is a back-up option.

Miss Foster confirmed that a meeting had been arranged between Chartwells and our School Business Manager to discuss hot dinners. Prior to the meeting taking place, through the school newsletter we would invite Parents to provide feedback so that this could be passed on. Alice also urged Class Reps to inform Parents that any complaints on the quality or quantity could always be emailed to Chartwells direct so that they are aware of Parent feelings.

Homework

Mrs Crowther, Y3 Class Rep reported that she had received comments from a number of Parents about the homework grid and the unfairness of what is perceived to be brilliant work by the Class Teacher, being sent to be shown to Miss Foster or Mr McCulley. It was felt that this action demotivated any children whose work didn't get chosen to be shown. A big factor was also how much parental contribution to the project had taken place. A suggestion was put forward that perhaps Miss Foster and Mr McCulley could visit the classrooms to see all of the project work being brought in.

Reading Rocket

It was felt that the Reading Rocket in KS2 was not motivational enough. Miss Foster confirmed that the children originally had a token prize but that the children requested the reward be changed to a tea-party, like KS1. Miss Foster stated that she would mention it at the next school council meeting for the children to discuss.

Support in Class

Mrs Crowther, Y3 Class Rep asked if it would be possible for Class Reps to spend some time in their children's class to provide support. Miss Foster stated that although it wouldn't be possible for Class Reps to do this as a 'one-off' despite the good intention, Class Reps were encouraged to come into school on a regular basis to read and support the class, if they so wished.

7. Any Other Business
None

8. Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting has been confirmed for Friday 24th March at 2.15pm in the Conference room.