

Minutes of Class Reps Meeting-Friday February 12th 2016

Present:

Laura Roberts-Head, Sarah Cork, Ella Fenwick, Karen Robbins, Kirsteen Daly, Kim Stevens, Sue Law, Emma Johnston, Belinda Samrah, Sally Foster, Caitlin King, Rosie Lee.

- Welcome
- Laura Roberts summarised meeting last meeting.

LR congratulated everyone on the events of the Christmas week stating how well organised the Christmas lunch had been due to the hard work of the PTA members and helpers, 'the best ever'.

Feedback from the parent helpers was that there was poor communication between the kitchen staff and parents. There was confusion regarding the amount of packed lunches and hot dinners, and preferably have cartons of drink due to busy atmosphere.

- Traffic Plan

A recent two hour meeting with the county council regarding the ongoing traffic issues was discussed. Key points were:

- North road – lolly pop lady
- Shortened yellow lines- allowing for a drop and go system
- The use of a voluntary one system
- Several near misses with children riding bikes on roads not wearing safety helmets and stepping out in front of cars- road safety awareness
- Budget to enforce any proposals relies on the county council

PTA Fundraising Page

Discussion between LR and parents regarding the idea of fundraising for a specific item. Two main items on the agenda were I.T. equipment or an outside canopy for the playground to shelter from all weathers- this would be possibly a two year project due to high costing of the canopy. LR supplied website address for parents to look at

Inside2outside.co.uk

- Abacus

Overall positive feedback from parent's occasional glitches reported as better on a laptop or computer rather than tablet due to format of abacus.

Concern that there is no teacher feedback- LR assured parents that the teacher is monitoring the progress of the students via the website and is able to see how many attempts has taken and if actually completed the work. LR also assured parents that there are 3 levels to each piece of work to meet the individual needs of the students.

Grid homework- discussion of feedback and some parents feel that there is little feedback noted. LR discussed how each class show cases each topic at the end of the half term and how the work is displayed in the classrooms. Parents felt that the children are more engaged with the grid homework since abacus and that the children approached it with a 'fun' attitude.

- Parent Teacher Consultation- 3 mini reports proposed instead of 1 report at the end of the year

Mock report provided by LR and guided explanation given of the format.

Positive feedback from parents with suggestion of overlay of autumn to spring reports using different colours to clearly see progress of students.

- Parent matters
- Requesting to wear trainers in hall for P.E as trodden in food barefoot, LR explained that trainers mark the floors and need indoor plimsolls for P.E.
- Phonics Workshop requesting to be earlier
- Bedtime Stories evening- all agreed was a lovely evening but very busy and concerns that hot chocolate was everywhere
- Friendship stop- parents concerned that children not really aware of how it all works and who are the playground buddies.

Date for next meeting Friday 18th of March 2016.