

Minutes Parent Council Meeting 2pm Friday 14th October 2016

Present : Ms Quest, Jacqui Howes, Katie Cheeseman, Tracy Brough, Antonia Clausen, Rebecca Woodward

Apologies : Sarah Quick, Kerry Wideira, Rachel Hathaway, Jeannie Hirons

Class Representatives 2016

Topaz : Katie Cheeseman cheesemanfamily@outlook.com

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Rebecca Woodward

Welcome and thanks to new members

Agenda Items

Term of Reference of Parent Council – reviewed and approved

Minutes of last meeting – approved. Will be put onto the school website in addition to minutes from previous meetings from March 2016

- A reminder will be put in the class newsletters to ask people not to wait with dogs by the metal barrier at the side exit gate as this narrows access and some children are nervous of dogs.
- Music shows. Approaches have been made to Funky Punk reference this but still nothing has been scheduled. It was also raised that Funky Punk and the drum tutor have asked a few parents for payment when it has already been made.

Positive Feedback – it was acknowledged and appreciated the variety of clubs on offer this year. Athletics club in particular was appreciated.

- The Tour Of Britain Cycling event was very much enjoyed by all
- The girl's football tournament hosted at Yate Academy where Alexander Hosea Girls Yr5/Yr6 team finished 4th out of 17 teams, narrowly losing on penalties in the semi-final to the eventual winners.
- Jet class are greatly enjoying sports classes with Mr Simmonds
- The planetarium dome was very much enjoyed
- @ Bristol trip
- Banksy walking tour in Bristol was amazing and very informative
- Topaz trip to Redwood Lodge was great and it was commented that last year the trips through the year to see how things change with the seasons was super. It was advised this will happen again this year.
- The on line parents evening booking system was a great success, so much so that over usage led to temporary glitches!

Parent Items

- in line with the year of sport it may be possible for Pamela Relph to visit the school. Pamela has severe arthritis and was discharged from the army. She was part of the Paralympics GB team in Rio and was part of the medal winning mixed 4 rowing team. It is hoped this will be in term 4 to coincide with inclusion sports when it is hoped the children will have an opportunity to try Boccia and seated volleyball
- Girl's football team ideally need new kit. It was commented on by others at the recent tournament and other teams had fully matching team kit. The Friends have been approached about potentially financing and possible sponsorship options were discussed.
- Tag rugby. A request was made as to whether this could possibly be reinstated as a club
- Allergy advice. A request was made if it may be possible to include allergy advice annually in the newsletter to remind parents food items not allowed in school
- Delayed release of children at the end of the school day. This is still happening particularly on a Wednesday when children may be slower at getting changed after PE and this has caused a few parents problems when they have other commitments at the end of the school day. Ms Quest will discuss with the sports coaches.

Growth Mindset Evening on Nov 7th – a reminder was made regarding this event and all are welcome. The Friends will provide wine and nibbles.

Storage Container – this is located in the foundation playground to store excess furniture. It

was discussed to try to make this a feature with some landscaping and also possibly obtaining magnetic letters and numbers for the children to use on it.

The children will be consulted to see if they have any ideas.

AOB

– concerns were raised that some children are not receiving class teacher feedback on their homework at homework sharing which may be demotivating them. Ms Quest reassured that class teachers do review homework and she will discuss with the class teachers.

Date of Next Meeting – Friday 25th Nov 2pm