

Subject Parent Council Minutes Term 3 2015/16

Date of Meeting 29 January 2016 at 2pm

Present Valerie Quest (Headteacher)
Tracey Brough (Topaz)
Rachel Hathaway (Emerald)
Vicky Dummer (Pearl)
Sarah Quick (Crystal & Diamond)
Rebecca Woodward (Crystal & Diamond)
Tracy Ryder (Amethyst)
Juliet Jones (Amethyst)

Apologies Gayle Holcombe (Sapphire)
Polly Jones (Jet)
Kerry Widera (Jet)
Jackie Howes (Amethyst and Crystal)

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3. Minutes of last meeting	Ms Quest to circulate previous minutes.	VQ (Complete)

4. Matters Arising Notice Boards: Ms Quest reported that the new “You Said We Did” notice board is now up in the reception area and the new celebration board has been created outside the school gate.

Assessment information for parents: A meeting has been held for all Yr 6 parents re the upcoming SATS. The meeting was well attended and useful. There is also a KS1 SATS meeting soon and in the last newsletter a date for further discussion of Assessment has been set as the 20th of April. Maggie Cook (Local Authority School Improvement Advisor) will be in attendance and the Friends are to provide wine and nibbles in order to make the evening more fun and relaxed. It is hoped that the evening will be well attended and parents were asked to spread the word.

ALL

Homework: The school hosted a meeting of the “Good to Outstanding” Headteacher group with the homework grids and homework sharing as the main topic. The group were impressed with how the system is working, the children in general like the grids and parents have a better understanding of what is required. Also being set termly gives families

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	<p>for a more peaceful school environment. Many other schools are sharing this approach. Ms Quest will however speak to teachers to ensure that lessons finish promptly at the end of the day</p>	VQ
	<p>Topaz class were unsure of the school's behaviour policy, in particular the different levels that pupils can be on. The topic had been clarified during discussions however Ms Quest directed parents to the school's behaviour policy which is available on the website.</p>	
	<p>The old website needs to be taken down and the minutes of the last parent council meeting were not on the new website. Mrs Johnson continues to work on ensuring that the new website is up to date and now has instructions of how to remove the old website from Google searches.</p>	
	<p>It was also requested that homework could be posted onto the class pages on the website in case it is not brought home by pupils – deliberately or by accident! Ms Quest will feed this request back to teachers.</p>	VQ
	<p>Some children have been told not to wear hooded sweatshirts for outdoor PE as they can be grabbed by other children. Ms Quest was unaware of this and will investigate. The uniform policy does not cover a sweatshirt or similar for outside PE, just shorts, jogging bottoms and house t-shirt. It was suggested that coloured house sweatshirts could be made available although it was thought that the cost of these would mean that parents may not purchase. Ms Quest would also like to keep the school uniform as simple as possible.</p>	VQ
	<p>Some schools participate in a “morning mile” or similar run round the playground or playing field and it was suggested that the school might consider this. Ms Quest pointed out that the current policy whereby children can come into school from 8.50 and get on with their morning challenge makes for a calm start to the day and running or similar may disrupt this.</p>	
	<p>The white lines at the top of Honeybourne Way were discussed and thought to be a good thing. They are currently being well observed and make the traffic flow and visibility much better making for a safer road.</p>	

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	<p>Finally cross country club was raised, in particular the school's fantastic performance in the county trials at KLB and the chance for children to represent the school. It was thought that many parents and pupils don't understand the benefits of the club and the fun games etc. that are played.</p>	
6. SIA visit	<p>The School Improvement Officer has recently visited the school and looked through the children's books. She was impressed with the content and also the feedback and marking. She found this to be very good, particularly in comparison with other schools.</p>	
7. Feedback to children - pinks and blues	<p>Ms Quest introduced the school's new marking system. Children will receive "brilliant blue" marking on good work and "think pink" marking on careless mistakes or things that they should know such as keywords spelt wrongly. It is hoped that over time their books will show successes as pinks will become blues.</p>	
11. AOB	<p>Steve and Juliet Jones are to be thanked for their hard work building new cabinets and storage for the school crossroads. Juliet has also worked hard to clean up all of the school's trophies.</p>	
	<p>Topaz class are delighted that Miss Johns is now back at school as she was very much missed.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting - Friday 18 March - 2.00pm in the Blue Room</p>	