

Subject	Parent Council Minutes Term 6 2016/17
Date of Meeting	6 July 2017 at 2pm
Present	Valerie Quest (Headteacher) Jacqui Howes (Pearl) Emma Days (Emerald & Diamond) Sarah Spencer (Topaz & Amethyst)
Apologies	Sarah Quick (Pearl & Amethyst) Rebecca Woodward (Pearl & Amethyst)

Agenda Item	Description	Action
3. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and were circulated to parent council members prior to the meeting. They should be available on the school website.	
4. Matters Arising	<u>Access in the morning - Doors opening on time</u> Parents felt that this had improved and children were being let into classrooms more promptly. Ms Quest (VQ) had reminded teachers about this.	
5. Parent Agenda items	<u>School lunches</u> It was felt that the lunches were still not enough for some children. The governors are still keen for a group of parents to look into different catering providers and visit other schools to assess their provisions and whether the school could change theirs. Emma Days and Jo are willing to take part in this and it would commence September 2017. This was considered more important given that school lunch prices are to increase.	
6. SATs	Went very well and both KS1 and KS2 were considered to have done well. Validated data was yet to be received so currently unable to look at how the school compares nationally.	
7. Celebrations	The circus workshop was enjoyed and all sports events have gone well and were enjoyed.	
8. Ready, Steady, Go!	The Sports Premium grant funded the new table tennis table. The grant has very specific criteria as to how it can be spent. The grant does roll forward if not spent but the school ensures that it is utilised fully.	
9. Tom Robson's visit	Unfortunately Tom Robson may not be able to make the evening of the 13 th due to a family crisis. He has said he will come back - possibly September 2017 - as the children benefited hugely from his visit and improvements were seen.	

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10. Plans for the future	<p>The School Improvement Plan was recently discussed at a meeting of teachers, Governors and the new head teacher. VQ asked for parent's input into this and whether they had anything they would like to see implemented going forward.</p> <p>VQ confirmed that next year the school would have a 'Year of ICT'. VQ highlighted that this would not have the same funding as the school's year of sport which had the benefit of the sports premium grant. VQ stated that cyber bullying and child online safety would be a major part of the school's ICT year. It was asked whether the capacity of the playground could be considered now that there are isolated areas of learning for certain classrooms. This limits space during winter when the field cannot be used. A suggestion of an astro turf area was made that could be used all year round.</p> <p>Also whether there could be more under cover areas so that wet weather did not stop the children going out at play times.</p> <p>Mental health/mindfulness skills were asked to be considered to enable children to cope with increasing levels of stimuli, particularly from a young age. VQ stated that the current mindfulness club ran by 2 of the school's teaching assistants was very successful.</p>	
11. AOB	<p>We stated that we were happy for parent council to continue next year, VQ would pass this on to the new head teacher and it would be possibly more beneficial to have 2 class representatives from each year. VQ thanked parents for the opportunity to have worked together.</p>	

Date of next meeting: **TBA**