



Parent Rep minutes, Frieth CEC School

Date of meeting: Monday 30th October 2.30pm

Meet the parent representatives

OWLS	Courtney Ainsworth	courtneybrennan@btinternet.com
BUZZARDS	Lorna O'Hehir	thefamily@icloud.com
KESTRELS	Jenni Sharp	Jennifersharp33@sky.com
KITES	Sarah Tedder	jackjackwalk@hotmail.com
EAGLES	Clare David	Claredav1@yahoo.com

PRESENT	Courtney (C.A), Lorna (LOH), Jenni (J.S), Sarah (S.T) Mrs Reid (J.R)
APOLOGIES	Clare David (C.D)

POINTS RAISED

- Mrs Reid started the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving out a copy of the parent rep. handbook to each rep.
- Dates for the next meetings were agreed and set, they are **Monday 26th February 2018 2.30pm** and **Monday 4th June 2018 2.30pm**
- PTA – At the last PTA meeting it was agreed that each class would take on the organising of an event, these are as follows:
OWLS – Social event to welcome new families, September 2018
BUZZARDS- Pamper evening
KESTRELS –Camp night
KITES – Easter Egg hunt
EAGLES – Quiz night
 Everyone agreed the feedback for this arrangement has been very positive, and parents have already come forward to lead these events. Please note, you can help at ANY event not just the one your class is assigned to, and you can run other events throughout the year also (with prior agreement at a PTA meeting).

OWLS CLASS

- Praise for Miss Gibbens – The class rep has received many emails and messages saying how happy their children are in class. *J.R to pass this on to Miss G.*
- Request for school gates to open earlier in the mornings, even if only by 5 minutes. *This has been raised many times in the past, unfortunately it is not possible to open earlier. There is a member of staff on duty from 8.40am to look after the children arriving by bus/taxi. Please email Mrs Reid if you have a specific need for an earlier drop off.*
- Suggestion for a teacher or year 6 pupils to help the less confident children walk round to the playground in the mornings. *There are already 2 adults on duty in the mornings, for this reason. Next term, children will be expected to walk round from the main gate independently.*

BUZZARDS CLASS

- Uniform – At the last PTA meeting, school uniform was discussed due to parents not being happy with the quality, what was the outcome? *Parents were told to email the office regarding uniform, so they could be forwarded to the governors – only 1 email was received! Reminder parents must email the governors, via the office with issues regarding uniform.*
- There's a discrepancy between yr 2 spellings with some of the children receiving weekly spellings, and some not. In the cohort meeting, Mrs Green said spellings would be sent home on Mondays, to be tested on Fridays. *J.R to check with Mrs Green and ask her to email parents to clarify.*
- Request for children to have spelling books, instead of loose sheets being sent home. *J.R to speak with Mrs Green*
- Behaviour chart – A suggestion has been made to have a rainbow added to the behaviour charts, so children who are well behaved can move up to the rainbow, some parents are concerned children may become deflated if they are not recognised for their consistent good behaviour- *A lengthy discussion followed, J.R referred to the behaviour policy of the school, which is available on the website. The staff have also discussed this in great length on many occasions. Staff attend regular training courses to promote positive behaviour. Other reward systems are already in place (house points, special mentions, head teacher awards) J.R will take these comments back to staff. To clarify the cloud system – There is a warning system in place, children are asked to stop their unwanted behaviour – they get 3 warnings, they will then be put on the cloud. The thunder cloud is for extreme cases, or if already on cloud and continuing with unwanted behaviour. If a child is on the thundercloud they will have to see Mrs Reid (Mrs Reid sees children for this rarely!!) The cloud system is in place for all year groups to ensure consistency throughout the school.*
- Library – There have been no sessions for Buzzards since returning to school in September *The children received their cards 2 weeks before half term, the last lot of books were put onto the system 1 week before half term due to there being so many books. Governors and staff have been working overtime to get the books on the system. The system is now up and running and regular sessions will commence for all classes!*

KESTRELS CLASS

- Parents' evening log in system – some parents felt it was unfair to make the log in live during the working day as lots of parents are at work and therefore couldn't get a suitable slot (if any at all). *Because this was the first time using the system it had to go live in the middle of a school day in case any problems arose. Going forward it will go live at 6pm on a weekday.*
- Uniform – It was mentioned that parents feel the uniform is of a lesser quality than the previously. Parents feel the uniform looks scruffy and is not worth having through this supplier for the tiny amount of money it raises for the school. Some parents have started buying supermarket own brand uniform as it is more convenient to buy and so children can try it on beforehand. *Parents to email governors via the office with any issues regarding uniform.*
- Library – When will the children be using the library? Parents are not happy that this valuable resource is not being used. *Regular sessions will commence this term, please see point raised in Buzzards.*
- Teachers – Parents wish Mrs Sparks well with her op and hope she has a speedy recovery, also parents are thankful to Mr Honey for covering her during her time off. *J.R to pass on these messages*
- Lack of teaching assistant in the class as Miss Grundy is not there. *Miss Grundy is off sick and at this stage does not have a planned return date. Her absence has been covered every day since before half term and will continue to be until she returns.*
- Cracking times tables – Children are told not to hand these in if they haven't finished in the time frame, the issue raised is: how can they improve/practise if they don't know where they are going wrong? *J.R to speak to class teachers*

KITES CLASS

- Uniform – parents not happy with new uniform *Parents to email the governors via the office with any issues regarding uniform. See point raised in Buzzards*

- Education City – Parents raised the point there has been no homework set on Education City, since the PTA paid for this programme. *J.S mentioned Mr Honey uses this regularly for his class. J/R to speak with all teachers*
- Homework in holidays – Parents feel too much homework was set over half term, this should be a time to relax and spend time with families, not doing homework every day. For those who went away on holiday, it left little time to fit it all in. *J.R todiscuss this with staff.*

Eagles CLASS

- No Issues raised/passed on