



Parent Rep minutes, Frieth CEC School

Date of meeting: Friday 8th June 2018

Meet the parent representatives

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BUZZARDS	Lorna O'Hehir	thefamily@icloud.com
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EAGLES	Clare David	Claredav1@yahoo.com

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

POINTS RAISED

- Mrs Reid started the meeting by welcoming everyone.
- Minutes from last meeting were discussed and it was agreed all necessary actions had been completed.
- ****REMINDER**** PLEASE REMEMBER SUNCREAM, SUNHAT, WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY
- Gardening club – Please contact Anya Lautenbach if you can assist. Helpers will be needed to water, and maintain the area.

OWLS CLASS

- Reading – Parents feel their children are not being bench marked even though they are putting notes requesting this in the children's reading logs. Parents say their children are finding the books too easy. *JR said there is a timetable for bench marking every day for LSA's and the class teacher also benchmarks. Thee staff know who is due and work to a schedule. Sometimes class schedules change, therefore somethings are completed at another time, in this instance, the class have been preparing for their assembly and a visit from the local authority Early Years team to moderate our EYFS assessments for this year.*
- Homework – This is not being checked and is being sent home on odd days. *The Local Authority have been in so the teachers have been busy with this and maybe not had a chance to check the homework, this should go back to normal.*
- Water – Children are not drinking enough. *As always, the children have free access to their water bottles throughout the day, they are also reminded regularly to drink. Please remind your children before school of the importance of drinking their water.*

BUZZARDS CLASS

- Club Sports – It's great to see more 'boys' activities, keep it up! *JR appreciates the feedback and has been looking at clubs to ensure there is a balance on what's on offer.*

KESTRELS CLASS

- Thankyou – To all the teaching staff, they are dedicated and we appreciate all their efforts but don't say it enough! *JR says thankyou and she will pass this message on*
- Lunch – Are the children being told/made to eat everything on their plate/ in their lunchbox? A few parents are concerned that issues are being made regarding food, when there wasn't already an issue

there! If there are some children who need encouragement or their parents want them to eat everything, can this be just for those individuals and not a blanket campaign for the whole school. One parent said their child has asked for less lunch as they're worried they'll be made to eat it all. *JR said there had recently been a 'clean plate' drive to save waste as many children were throwing food away just so they could get outside, especially on the warmer days. There have also been parent's requesting their children eat everything they are given, therefore staff are trying to find a balance approach to this. There will probably be 'clean plate' drives again periodically to remind the children to not waste food. Hot lunches have set portions which change according to age. Children get half an hour to eat their food so please ensure they have the right amount in their lunchboxes. REMINDER ** No sweets or chocolate allowed!!** No NUTS or SEEDS due to allergies!!***

- Praise in the park – Is it possible to have a coach bring the children back to school after this event? Why is transport only provided one way? Even with lift sharing it will be difficult to park due to it being a large event. Could parents pay for a coach if it is a cost issue? *JR said they have looked into having coaches both ways but unfortunately due to the timings, the coaches are already in use for school collections. The cost of the coaches is nearly £600 one way so not cost effective. Parents watching will want to take their children with them so not enough children to cover cost for journey back.*
- Storing Lunches – In the warmer weather are lunches refrigerated? *JR said no there is no room at school to store all packed lunches. Parents are encouraged to pack ice packs and/or frozen yoghurts to keep the food cool. Hot lunches are kept at the correct temperatures and thermometers are used before serving to ensure these temperatures remain safe.*
- Walk to school system – There doesn't seem to be a fair system in place. For example children living within a very close radius to school walk every day and receive their badges, children who live further away can't walk everyday so struggle to collect their badges, making them feel they are missing out, this is often due to their parents work patterns rather than them not wanting to walk. Children living in Lane End who may walk once per week are still walking more than their peers who live closer yet aren't receiving the benefits as it's not every day. Working parents and those out of catchment seem to be penalised for not being able to take part when the school suggest walking to school weeks eg: children not getting the food on offer on the gates on arrival. Children who go on the bus are not penalised in the same way. *JR said badges are still awarded when families car share or park and stride. During the last walk to school week, those who walked from further afield were recognised and given a special mention in assembly. JS has asked for the school travel plan committee to have more regular walk to school weeks so more families can attempt to join in rather just a week here or there, maybe once a month. JS also offered to organise a walking bus every week on Thursdays and/or Fridays, collecting children from meeting points on the way to help those whose parents can't walk. JR will take these suggestions back to the travel plan committee.*

KITES CLASS

- Club Sports, Archery – They have forgotten their equipment and just played dodgeball instead. Parents are paying for archery lessons. *JR to discuss with Club sport.*
- Homework – This should be handed out on Mondays and due in the following Monday, It is sometimes coming home later in the week but still expected in on time. *ST to speak with Mrs Tyzack and email parents*
- Turning Circle – Do childminders get emails and messages regarding requests such as not getting out of the car? *Yes they do receive the newsletters and emails, school travel plan committee aware that people are still getting out of cars in the turning circle. **REMINDER** You are not to get out of the car in the turning circle, it is meant to be free flowing, please ensure childminders, grandparents etc are aware of this rule. CARS MUST BE PARKED FURTHER AWAY AND CHILDREN WALKED IN IF THEY CANNOT GET OUT OF THE CAR BY THEMSELVES. THANK YOU*
- France trip – Can children wear flip flops in down time and beach shoes for water activities? *Yes to flip flops. No to beach shoes, please pack trainers as per the kit list*

EAGLES CLASS

- No points raised

Dates for your Diary

JULY

3rd Secondary school transition day
3rd Reception induction afternoon for 2018 new starters 1.30- 3.00
4th Secondary school transition day
5th Wycombe High open evening 4.30- 7.00 (see bucks website for other open evenings)
6th Garsington Big Sing at Wormsley Estate
12th PTA meeting 7.30-9.00
13th Sports Day 9.30
13th School Disco
14th Camp night
18th Yr 6 Garsington performance Yr 6 pupils only
20th Summer Queen 1.30pm
23rd Reserve sports day
24th Leavers church service 1pm
24th School ends 2pm

PARENT REPS FOR 2018/2019

Are you interested in becoming a class/parent rep next year? If so please read the handbook on the school website so you know what is involved and let your current class rep know. We will compile a list and get back to you when the class lists have been sent out at the end of term. Courtney, Sarah and Jenni are happy to continue in their roles, however if you would like to take over or help out please do get in touch. We will definitely need a rep for Owls class and this will need to be someone who has a child remain in that class who will be happy to welcome the new reception parents and show them the ropes!

Next Meeting September 2018