Frieth Parent Class Rep meeting minutes



Held: 8 July 2019, School

Present Jo Reid

Jessica Coombs (Owls)

Courtney Brennan (Buzzards)

Fi Hayter (Kites)

Sarah Tedder (Eagles)

Apologies Lorna O'Hehir (Kestrels)

Your class/parent reps are

Owls Jess Coombs jessicahunt50@hotmail.com

Buzzards Courtney Brennan courtneybrennan@btinternet.com

KestrelsLorna O'Hehirtheofamily@icloud.comKitesFi Hayterfi.hayter@btopenworld.comEaglesSarah Tedderjackjackwalk@icloud.com

At the beginning of each term, the class teacher will contact the Class Rep with information about the term ahead. The parent class reps meet each term with Mrs Reid to discuss any points on your behalf; they will let you know in advance when a meeting is coming up. Your rep will remind you of calendar events such as assemblies, non-uniform days etc.

You can ask your rep questions about the class/school and they will do their best to answer, or get an answer from the rep meeting or class teacher; this saves many people going into school about the same thing.

Please remember if you have any questions or issues with the class routine or upcoming events in the classroom, these can be addressed by asking the Class Rep to approach the class teacher for information. Any questions or issues about your child as an individual, it is better to contact the class teacher directly via the office.

1. Welcome

Mrs Reid welcomed everyone.

Messages from the school (part one)

2. Parent Reps for the next academic year.

The following was agreed:-

Eagles: Fi Hayter

Kites: possibly Jess Coombs TBC (Lorna O'Hehir stepping down)

Kestrels: Courtney Brennan

Buzzards: TBC

Owls: possibly Jess Coombs - TBC

Vacancies will depend on class splits and it was decided to wait until reports with class allocation are sent out on 15 July before confirming.

A question was raised by parents regarding how behavioural issues in school are managed. The school has a positive behaviour management policy, which is available in the curriculum policies section of the school website. Where further support is needed for more specific behavioural needs, the school liaises with outside agencies and the families concerned to provide support for the child and for their contemporaries. Please be assured that procedures are in place for managing these particular situations and there is plenty of ongoing circle time and support available for everyone. However, if anyone has any concerns at all, children or parents, they are encouraged to speak with the class teacher, one of the Assistant Headteachers, or Mrs Reid.

Jess Coombs to confirm which class she is taking

Actions

Queries raised by class

2. Owls

Show and Tell - could more clarity be provided around what is expected of the children. Response - Show and Tell is normally on a Wed or Fri. The children can bring in something they are proud of (something they have accomplished) and something that they have done outside of school. Please do not bring in keyrings, cuddly toys or things that they found e.g. stones and feathers.

Classes for next year - could more clarification be given as to which class children will be in? Response - class information will be provided in reports coming out on 15 July.

3. Buzzards

No issues were raised except there had been lots of praise for Mrs Tyzack. Response - Thank you

Mrs Reid to forward positive feedback to Mrs Tyzack

4. Kestrels

Could more sporty clubs please be available after school - Response - there is one sport club on every day after school and there is no room for any further clubs. It may be possible to provide more clubs via the wraparound care currently being surveyed amongst parents. See note about this under messages from school part two.

Parents to complete the wraparound care survey

5. Kites

Could children continue to learn in the last few days of term and not spend too many days watching DVDs or clearing the classroom. Could teachers gather inset days together and use them at the end of term for this purpose? Response - every term the children have one craft day while the teachers are planning. There is inevitably going to be some clearing of classrooms in order to give work back to the children. The leavers' church service has still to be planned so there is plenty still to do. It would not be possible to have all the inset days at the end of term because staff who have children with them would have to bring them with them for those days plus it would not be logistically viable for part time staff. However, county-wide discussions regarding suitability of dates is currently taking place.

Concerns over staff changes for next year, disappointment that Ms Green will not be teaching Kites. Parents have lots of positive feedback about how much progress their children have made and how much they have thrived. Why the change? Response: There are many factors that contribute to the decisions made including LSA groupings, the needs of the children and the interests of the whole school. It is impossible to guarantee which staff will teach year on year. Positive feedback to be relayed to Ms Green.

Mrs Reid to forward positive feedback to Ms Green.

6. Eagles

Leavers Hoodies, when can the children wear them? Response - Hoodies can be worn at any time except in the classroom where school uniform must be worn. Children are therefore allowed to wear them to and from school and in the playground at break times / lunch times.

Messages from the school (part two)

7. After School care - There has been a good response to after school care and there is still time to respond. School are currently testing for financial viability and interest in this will have to translate into actual bookings. It is likely that, if it is financially viable, it will start from January 2020. The provision could be offered externally but understanding internal interest first. We are the only school locally not to offer wraparound care and with the drop in the birth rate and in KS1 it would make Frieth School commercially competitive.

Parents to complete the survey

Governors are also currently considering offering an official social media presence eg Twitter, FaceBook. Updates to follow in due course.

Date of next meeting: tbc