CLASS REPS MEETING
3 FEBRUARY 2017

Present: CJ, HS,SS, CL, CK,KO, DC,SJ,CD,JC,HS,HV,BF,FL,HG

Absent: TG

Minutes: KBW

	The following points were raised and addressed (by year group)	
1.	**Younger Nursery:** **All positive feedback** **Older Nursery:** • Early notice of after school activities would be helpful when booking days for children's attendance. • Children with long hair still wet after swimming. Possible to dry it particularly in cold weather? • Concern about some of youngest children in Nativity Play. Mixed views from parents. Perhaps only include those from Pippins who wish to take part. • RWI information requested. Information evening will be held in March. • Information regarding swimming badges or levels requested. To be investigated. • 'Underwear rule', NSPCC: is this discussed in Nursery? Yes it is!	
2.	**Reception** • Car park concerns – SS said that we are trying to encourage 'kiss & drop', particularly with the older children. We really don't want to tarmac over our lovely playing fields for the sake of an hour a day. More parents are arriving at 4.30pm. We will open the gate at 4.15pm to allow more cars to park up. The children should be in their last lesson so shouldn't be a problem with them running across the asphalt in front of cars. Both the 'kiss & drop' in the Pre-Prep and Prep need to be more closely monitored as many parents park up, rather than just drop their child. We are looking at re-tarmacking the asphalt. When we do, we will install a pavement along the side of the Art Room. Could we please ask parents to turn off their engines whilst waiting in the car park. Enhanced staff presence in the car park. • Hi5 – Could we offer more Hi5, particularly over Christmas? Unfortunately no, as we already offer 48 weeks per year of care. We are the only Prep School in the area that does this. • Feedback on After School Activities – If any parents are keen, please approach Mrs Swadling and she can provide contact email addresses for the individual • Child Care Vouchers – Please approach the new Bursar, Mr Charles Hurtley.	
3.	**Year 1** • Could the films shown in Waiting House be more varied? The children only watch television for a very short period of time – 20 minutes max. • The Carol Service and Nativity plays – could there be more of a variety of children involved? It appeared to parents that it was the same children who had key roles in both. SS responded that we 'auditioned' a number of children. It is down to confidence. Query over why a child from Prep school performed at Carol Service. • Christmas seemed to go on forever in Pre-Prep!	
4.	**Year 2**	

	• Suggestions about IT innovations e.g. Being able to download the calendar direct to a parents' Outlook. HS agreed it was certainly something we would look to do in the future, unfortunately our current Management Information System does not allow us to do this. • Homework – reading, number bonds/tables etc are really important but, the school takes a very flexible approach towards other work set. Parents should not worry if this is not done every night. NB This is different to years 6-8, when we do expect it to be done. • Potholes on the road – parents need to complain to the council. • Driver etiquette/behaviour – The school are constantly reminding parents to drive courteously, slowly (no more than 5mph on the school site) but some parents are simply not doing this. Some parents are still driving whilst using their mobile phones. Name and shame is probably the only solution. • Main carpark opening time – now open at 4.15pm rather than 4.30pm. • Praise from new parents regarding their welcome.	
5.	**Year 3** • Parents are concerned at how often their children are being heard read. CJ will investigate this further although if parents are concerned, do email the teacher. • Mr Tuck – some of the children find him scary! CJ commented that he is a fantastic chess coach. It is an opportunity that every child has in Year 2 & Year 3. Children must not be upset by him. CJ will look at perhaps setting chess in Year 3 next year. • A & B teams. Disappointment from a parent that child has not been selected. A team sport will be picked on ability. B, C & D teams are inclusive. All children are trying to be included. • Team Sheets and accuracy – not always accurate or on the website.	
6.	***Year 4*** • Spellings & Read, Write, Inc. Children being given spellings below their standard – parents should speak to the teachers. • Quiet time? Could there be a designated quiet zone. Year 8 using the library as their common room when they cannot use the Rendall Room. • Only morning appointments for 4RT. Some parents really wanted an evening appointment. Did parents ask Mrs Toovey? Mrs Toovey will be full time from September. • Behaviour and appearance were mentioned, but action is being taken • Changing after activities – ideally they should arrive and leave school in uniform. However, it was acknowledged there are some exceptions. • Stars – could there be more parity? Unfairly distributed in sports – those in the A team got double stars, the other teams did not. As a staff body, we have talked about parity but it will be subjective. Individual targets? Mrs Lee is already working on this with the Year 3&4 staff. • More supervision at breaktimes – Duty staff are around. At least four members of staff are out at breaktimes. A suggestion was for staff to be in high vis jacket. • Positive feedback from a Year 4 parent about behaviour.	
7.	**Year 5** • Music lessons involve some music making – we have also had guitar, brass and drum demonstrations. Children can have a free trial taster lesson on any instrument. • Match reports missing – CJ to remind all staff that a match report for all events should be written. • New Gap Students – CJ accepts that it take time for new gappers to get up to speed. HS mentors these students, so any feedback to him please.	
8.	**Year 6** • Parents Evenings – 6 minutes is not long enough. CJ response – from	

	past experience (17 years as a head using this system), 6 minutes is fine to talk about general progress and we rarely get negative feedback. Sometimes it is a bit complicated when staff teach more than one subject, but parents can always request a meeting with staff at any stage. It is unusual for games staff not to be at the parents' evening – certainly the case in Year 7 & 8. • Email response from Staff – school protocol is that all staff should respond to emails within 24 hours – Monday-Friday only! I have told staff that there is no expectation of them to respond to emails in the evenings or weekends. • Carol Concert – idea of non-uniform day on this day is to keep uniform clean for the evening. Perhaps we should finish earlier. • Traffic coming up Effingham Lane in the mornings. CJ keeps reminding parents.	
9.	**Year 7** • Coats and Blazers to be left in changing rooms. • VLE – Please keep up-dating! • Revision – Please could parents have packs from individual staff? • Homework – We are looking at the Parent Portal.	
10.	**Year 8** No comments	
	Next Meeting: Friday 19 May 2017, 8:20am in the Dining Room	