CLASS REPS MEETING
19th October 2018

Present: CJ, SS, GM, CL, SJ, NC, CK, MJ, LP, ZH, AM, SL, KG, LF, JC, VG, AVH, SG, AF, AD, MW, SR

Minutes: BB

	The following points were raised and addressed (by year group)	
	Winter Fair • SR asked for parent support at the Winter Fair. • Bottles/washed teddies/sweets. • Hampers to be ready by 26th November – displayed in the Rendall Room/Meeting Room. CK to take photos of hampers and add to newsletter. • Stalls to be allocated to classes and reps to request helpers accordingly. (Times 11-2pm)	**ALL** **CK** **SR/Reps**
1.	**Pippins** • No agenda points but thanks for the positivity!	
2.	**Acorns** • **General Feedback** Response: Thank you for positive feedback! • **You Tube** Response: Children spend a maximum of 15 minutes watching You Tube after lunch. • **Uniform – white doesn't work with 2 year olds!** Response: White T-Shirts are only compulsory for photos – please wear red for normal nursery days!	
3.	**Oaks** • **Early Birds Club to include breakfast** Response: SS advised tricky to do breakfast for the children in the assembly room but parents are very welcome to bring fruit/sandwich or similar if they so wish. Please notify staff on drop off of requirements! • **Uniform – cardigan or zip up fleece as alternative jumper for ease.** Response: SS/CK to look at red fleece that could also be worn in the Pre-Prep. • **Invoicing – please can bills be simpler to understand** Response: GM to look into making invoices clearer – as nursery sessions billed termly should be easier for parents to check they are charged for correct amount. Waiting house/Early birds charges cannot be broken down any more that they are already. • **Communication – more please re school events** Response – the school tries their upmost to inform parents in good time of all matters, please do read the newsletter/clarions so that items are not missed!	**Parents** **CK/SS** **GM** **ALL**

	• **Kiss and Drop – parents still not using** Response: Information added to newsletter re Kiss and Drop, please do try and use it more! SS asked Year 1 & 2 parents to use it as part of independence. SS will ask gappies to point available spaces. Please can parents 'loop' rather than waiting for a space if there are none available. • **Calendar – please can changes be highlighted** Response: CK to see if changes can be highlighted in a different colour so that parents can see amendments. Please use SOCs where possible for sporting queries. • **Nursery Doors** Response: GM will resolve issue. Also look at possibility of signage so parents know which door to use.	**SS/Parents** **CK** **GM**
4.	**Reception** • **No items** (It was noted that parents would like more information on iSpace). Another evening could take place next term.	**CL**
5.	**Year 1** • **General Feedback** Response: Thank you for positive feedback! • **Swimming Pool – needs refurbishment** Response: GM advised pool will be refurbished at Easter due to time period that will be required to complete works. GM to look at temporary repairs for two holes in flooring • **Black History Month** Response: SS advised lots of cultures and religions are celebrated in the Pre-Prep and Black History is taught higher up in the school. • **Astroturf – please can parents know how much money has been raised** Response: Weekly updates in newsletter. Fundraising page on website. Target to be raised is TBC but more will be known after Governors meeting on 7th November. Please can parents use Easyfundraising page (CK to ensure that this shows as astro appeal and not just general school fundraising) 200 club will be launched at half term for parents to join (£60 a year payment, parents have chance of winning £100 per month - rest of money goes to appeal) Hoping that Astro will be installed Summer 19 • **Timings of start of school day** Response: Pre-Prep doors open at 8.10 and registration closes at 8.25am. • **Parents Evening – more 'late' slots required** Response: SS to look into reinstating 1 late night parents evening as requested. If suitable appointments are not on the signup sheet, please always speak to the class teacher! • **Homework – can homework have due date please** Response: Only one piece of work set so far but going forward date can be added.	**GM** **SS/NC** **CK** **SS** **SS**

	• **Additional feedback from Teachers** Response: Supporting children at home can be discussed at parents evening but teachers are always available if you require a meeting before or after school at any time. • **School Bus – no ad hoc requests available and mini bus availability altered.** Response: GM advised that the transport system was not cost effective previously, no other schools offer two afternoon drop offs (3.30 & 5.30). Transport costs decreased by 50% and still parents are not using service. Happy to provide service if parents will use it. If new offering is not working for parents CJ suggested parents could look at car sharing? • **Hi5 – would like normal Hi5 to run as long as mini Hi5** Response: The school understands parents' requirements and are hopeful in day bookings in the future from Pied Piper.	
6.	***Year 2*** • **Pegs – please can the children have more** Response: SS advised we are trying to resolve issue and understand frustrations. There are pegs upstairs too! • **Kiss and Drop – parents still not using** See Reception comments	**SS**
7.	**Year 3** • **Charge for Visits – where does cost come from?** Response: The cost is for the charge of the coach. • **Matches – timings to be more accurate** Response: SOCs app should make checking timings of childrens matches easy. MA to ensure that timings published are accurate. • **Kit Bags – please can children collect before sign out** Response: CJ/SJ will ask Year 3 teachers to arrange this. • **Swimming Pool – needs refurbishment!** Response: See Year 1 comments	**MA** **CJ**
8.	**Year 4** • **Speech Day – move to a Friday?** Response: The school is happy for this to be on a Friday afternoon, however with the number of working parents is very aware that this would be impractical for most! • **Car Boot sale at the school** Response: CJ agreed that this is a great idea; would need to be in the summer term due to parking and stalls. Watch this space! • **Swimming Pool – needs refurbishment!** Response: See Year 1 comments	
9.	**Year 5** • **Sports – is it possible to send clarion when children arrive back early?** Response: Timings are on SOCs app with return time. CJ feels better for children to wait for parents than the other way. Parents are always clarioned if there is a delay due to breakdown etc.	

	• **Testing** Response: NC advised that the testing that has occurred recently shows where the children are academically - it is better not to prepare children for the tests otherwise this inflates their scores and this could result in children not being placed in the best future school. Parents are welcome to purchase verbal and non verbal books but this is not necessary. Please instil the importance of reading! Helps in every aspect of school life! • **School menu – children do not like spicy food** Response: If there is a particular meal that a child does not like there is always an alternative for them. • **Homework** Response: Note will be added to prep diary and also VLE. Formal homework is not set until Year 6.	**CJ/NC/SJ**
	Year 6 • **IT differentiation** Response: All lessons are differentiated and extra work is set for children who have completed tasks. This particular issue was during CAT4 testing and not a normal lesson. • **Sports Fixtures – parent support** Response: CJ advised that he has been to watch a number of matches recently and parents are following the guidelines that are stipulated in the newsletter. All parents should be aware that it is the job of the coach to coach the children not the parents. • **Parents Evening – could this be brought forward?** Response: CJ will look into parents evening being brought forward, however most pretesting is completed in Year 6 and therefore key is preparation in Year 5 not Year 6! • **Lockers – too small** Response: Children should be storing their jackets and blazers in the changing room and not lockers – blazers are far too expensive to be stuffed anywhere. Recent purchases of lockers are larger to assist with storage issues. • **Homework** Response: Although some teachers may set prep, homework is not formally set until the Summer Term for Year 6. NC noted that homework setting has not been proven to aid in academic results.	**NC** **CJ/MA/MJ** **CJ/SJ**
10.	**Year 7** • **Staffing** Response: Thank you for the positive feedback on the new appointments. • **Tennis/Rounders to be taught in Summer Team** Response: Children are given the option to play tennis in the summer term in conjunction with cricket. The school understands the girls sadness that they are unable to play rounders but if this is the sport of choice for other schools then our girls need to play otherwise there will be a lack of sporting fixtures.	**MA/MJ**

	• **Music Lessons** Response: It is the pre-prep school policy that Pre-Prep children are to be taught in break times. Prep children are rotated weekly so that they do not miss the same lessons. Please can parents advise Mrs Janman if their children are unavailable for any lessons as soon as possible. • **Homework – not all work on VLE** Response: NC advised that this is an area of the school that he is working on and there will be more consistency going forward • **Food Hygiene** Response: If any parents have any concerns then they are welcome at any time to come and have lunch. The school appreciates that sometimes when menu changes some children do not like dishes, this is closely monitored and menus are changed dependant on food waste.	**SJ/Parents** **NC**
11	**Year 8** • **HE – recipes to be added VLE** Response: SJ to organise recipes are added to VLE. • **Notice on Sporting Events (swimming gala)** Response: apologies for short notice, the school is working hard to ensure information on SOCs is up to date and good notice is given to parents. • **Exam clarification** Response: NC confirmed the children will be given a common entrance paper, very straightforward and like they have already been using for preparation.	**SJ** **MA**
	Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday 22nd March @ 8.25am	