CLASS REPS MEETING
22nd March 2019

Present: NC, SS, GM, CL, CK, MJ, CH, LP, ZH, AM, LF, KG, JC, VG, SJ, AVH, SG, AF

Minutes: BB

	The following points were raised and addressed (by year group)	
1.	**Pippins** • No agenda points	
2.	**Acorns** • **General Feedback** Response: Thank you for positive feedback!	
3.	**Oaks** • **Driving to and from school** Response: Children's safety is of upmost importance, please can parents treat each other with courtesy. Please remember everyone is in the same queue! The school gates will not be open prior to 4.30 due to children moving around the site. Please can parents try not to arrive too early on school grounds - this is why the queue down Mill Lane is occurring. Parking on the mound is also optional for parents to alleviate queue. GM to look into trialling cars queuing around the mound so that there is more capacity for those parents who do arrive early. • **General Feedback** Response: Thank you for positive feedback! • **Ballet** Response: SS values parents' feedback, most parents are happy with Miss Jo, we have opened up communications with Roshe to see what they would offer the school.	**GM** **SS**
4.	**Reception** • **Disco** Response: Yes, DJ Heasman loved how much the children enjoyed the disco. Will do another in Summer Term! • **Mindfulness** Response: CL responded to parent directly with regards to schools plans on mindfulness. Children are all taught using iSpace. • **Black Coats** Response: We would love parents to label uniform, when items purchased from shop CK advises where labels should be sewn. Parent support in this matter would be greatly appreciated!	**SLT** **Parent Body**
5.	**Year 1** • **Arts and Craft Club** Response: A Friday Arts and Crafts club will be new for Summer 19. • **Club sign up** Response: We do ask all parents to sign up each term, sometimes children change their mind and sometimes the day that the club runs on will alter. Activities handbook will be going out 22rd March, we have tried to be clearer on documentation that oversubscribed clubs will change at half term. This is always advised in the newsletter prior to the change occurring.	**Parent Body**

	• **Parking** Response: see earlier point • **Waiting House Charges** Response: Waiting House charges will be lenient to parents who on the odd occasion are late due to parking issues. • **Homework** Response: Homework is a fun activity to engage parents in their child's learning. SS advises that it is important the child's development is supported at home. Discussion on Homework club; it would defeat object of supporting child's learning at home if this is done at school. We want parents to be involved! • **Safeguarding on school site** Response: The school has a vigorous vetting service for any guest speakers/visitors that spend time with the children in a learning capacity. All visitors have to sign in and complete safeguarding paperwork. It would be impossible for parents watching matches/nativities to ask them to sign in. The children would never be left unsupervised with any parents and therefore in these instances it is not required. School staff trained to challenge any visitors not wearing badges. • **Parents Evening** Response: There will be no changes to the current parents evening timetables in the Nursery & Pre-Prep. In addition the door is always open to parents who would like additional time with teaching staff – please do email and ask!	**SS** **Parent Body**
6.	**Year 2** • **Fundraising for the Astro** Response: The school has raised £70k in the last 8-9 years for charities. CJ advised that the Astro would be the fundraising focus at the beginning of the year. GM noted that the money raised by the parent body is less important than the inclusion of the parents in this exciting new area of the school. All will benefit from the Astro; Daily Mile, Wet Play, Football and Hockey to name a few! Hopefully to be installed Summer '20, will be a full sized pitch (100 metres) so that 2 games can be played side by side. Cricket nets will be moved to in front of tennis courts. • **General School Maintenance** Response: GM advised that the pool will be emptied, relined and surface to be replaced at Easter. CJ to add in end of term letter as timescales for this will be tight for pool to be re-opened for start of Summer term. The Sports Hall does not always flood; it has an internal gutter system and in the last 2 years this has occurred 2/3 times due to rain fall and the wind blowing in certain direction. • **Black Jackets** Response: please see earlier point; parent support would be greatly appreciated!	**GM/CJ** **Parent Body**
7.	**Year 3** • **Parking** Response: see earlier point	

	• **Club and Match Cancelling** Response: CK advised that if SOCs is installed on phones then the calendar will automatically update so parents will know which match is cancelled. CK happy to help parents with the set-up of this – please visit the school shop at your convenience. School apologises for any clubs that have been cancelled and parents not aware; will try and ensure that going forward this is kept to a minimum going forward as can appreciate frustrations! • **Charity Payment System** The school will not implementing this; KF advised that her children take in £5 and resolves issue. No child would ever be asked for their donation – or punished if they didn't have it. General feeling that children like bringing in their money.	
8.	**Year 4** • **Spellings & Homework on Pupil Zone** Response: NC advised that this will be done. • **Changing Room Supervision** Response: Supervision will be better, more staff on patrol at key times. • **Chess Match** Response: Apologies for the lack of notice for this match, will endeavour to communicate better.	**NC** **CJ/NC** **CJ/NC**
9.	**Year 5** • **Parent Consultation Meetings** Response: There are no plans to increase the amount of parent consultation meetings. NC advises that focus is on children's attitude to work. Parents are emailed if there are concerns on child's focus. Please do email staff if you have any concerns; door is always open to all! • **Science Experiments** Response: NC discussed with Lesley Coppin (Head of Science) and experiments are happening regularly. • **Children Presenting to Peers** Response: Children are giving lots of opportunities during lessons, assemblies, LAMDA, school plays for them to stand in front of their class and talk. If children have completed something out of school then they are often asked to talk about this during assembly. • **Homework** Response: NC advised that many recent studies have been undertaken which that there is little, if any, educational value in homework. The school day is very long and the most important thing that the children can do to support their learning is read! Topics are covered in curriculum handbooks which are emailed to parents at the start of the school term. • **Healthy Eating** Response: NC advised healthy eating is taught in Science. NC advises how lucky we are to have such balanced meals at lunchtime. Very important that the children in the Prep who are participating in games have carbs!	

	• **Swimming Cancellations** Response: Apologies that this is not always communicated to parents in a timely manner. Unfortunately closure on a Friday is often due to the Pre-Prep and therefore unable to advise any sooner! • **Half Term Assessments** Response: NC advises that if children are not making the most of their learning then parents are emailed. If any parents want more detail on specific topics covered then please, please email staff who are always willing to respond with feedback.	
	Year 6 • **English** Response: LG has been on placements; sadly the placement weeks changed and this has caused disruption, this has finished today and therefore there will be no further cover. NC advises that there is capacity for any work that has not been covered this term to be completed next term. LG placement was notified in newsletter, apologies for any parents who missed this. • **Parents Evening & End of Term Reports** Response: There will only be one parents evening scheduled each academic year; no subject can be covered fully in 6 minutes and this is why NC would urge parents if they have any concerns to email or meet with staff to go into in more detail. Communication should be fluid between home and school. The old reporting system was inconsistent for end of term reports, the grades did not mean anything – a C in English would be completely different criteria in History therefore this was not telling parents about child's progress. The school has implemented CAT (Cognitive Ability Testing) which are designed to measure such things as how well an individual can reason. National average is 100; however Senior schools are selective and often require a score of 110 or more. NC always very happy to go in to further detail with parents – please do make an appointment! If Parents would like targets to work with at home then please email relevant teachers. KF advised that she requests books to be sent home from time to time and NC would support this – please let form tutors know if you would like this.	
10.	**Year 7** • **Car Park** Response: Please see earlier point. • **Astro Ball** Response: Thank you for your kind words, it was a wonderful evening and lots of fun had by all! • **End of Term Reports** Response: Please see earlier point. • **Parents Portal** Response: NC delighted to advise that an IT Manager has been appointed. He will not have a teaching timetable and he will be looking at the frustrations that parents and teachers currently have (parent	

	zone, connectivity, streamlining systems to name a few!). GM noted that since Sept 18 we have a new management system called iSams which will be utilised more over the coming months.	
11	**Year 8** • No points raised.	
12	**AOB** • Discussed school class photos and confirmed that they will be formal this year. KBW to advise Tempest.	**KBW**
	Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday 21st June @ 8.25am	