

Minutes of Parent Representatives of Great Missenden School

Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 1.45pm in the Staff Room

Present

Mrs Thomson
Mrs Addis
Julie Gannon Chair PTA
Sarah Bettis Pre School
Tracie Noon Pre School
Louise Stockdale Reception
Caroline McDonald 1B
Louise Kingham 1B
Bex Jewell 2C
Carla Robertson 2C
Tanya Crockford 3T
Claire Meichtry 3T
Katy Arnot 3W
Helen Lee 4C
Sian Pollitt 4C
Sally Adams 4W
Lorna Kynaston 5K
Jade Mar 5K
Kate Adams 5R
Britta Holland 5R
Siggi Halling 6H
Rachael Hylton 6H
Sarah Hewat 6S

Apologies / Absent

Fiona Charlesworth Reception
Caroline Arnold 6B
Laura Rothwell 4H
Louise Glasspoole 4H
Penny Semple 6S
Sue King 6B
Alison Jarvis 4W
Lavender Otieno 3W

Mrs Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for volunteering as Class Reps.

Reps to check their email details are correct on central list held by school office (circulated).

Role of Class Rep

The contact list is important but Reps need to get permission from parents before sending out group emails. Send "blind copy" emails which do not list everyone's addresses, only the address of the recipient. Please copy in the school office (Mrs North). Please be careful what you send. Class Reps duties may include requests for help, reading etc. Liaise with the class teacher, find out what would be helpful. All teachers may be contacted via the office. Make the role what you want.

Confidentiality

No information about children you are given as a Class Rep should be shared with other parents. Class Reps should pass back to the teacher any important information about children's wellbeing / behaviour etc.

Great Missenden School Values

Mrs Thomson provided Reps with the list of the school's 6 core values.

Truth, Love, Faith, Courage, Respect, Community.

Each half term, lessons and assemblies focus on one core value. This half term, Truth is the focus.

The School Development Plan

Mrs Thomson circulated a draft copy of the 10 main targets in the School Development Plan, for parents' consideration and comments.

These have been discussed by staff and governors, and are about to go to the children via class and school council meetings.

POINT RAISED - Do you want Reps to ask parents to help on 10 points. ie what they could offer to help? Mrs Pollitt is sending out a letter to all parents asking them to volunteer their skills.

FOOD FOR LIFE - We have achieved the Gold Award but we do need to maintain this. Make sure it is embedded in the curriculum and is going to continue.

School Market

Mrs Addis informed Reps about the half termly School Markets, led by different year groups. Mrs Greaves the Food For Life Co-ordinator will contact Reps in advance of their Market and will ask for their help in drawing up rotas for staffing the stalls.

The first Market will be led by Year 5 and we are again making Apple Juice. Please bring spare apples to school on 10th October.

All money raised goes back into Food For Life, to pay for cooking / gardening equipment and cookery ingredients.

Class Reps help with these events is crucial to their success.

Any Other Business / Matters raised by Parents

Please email any concerns or questions to Mrs Thomson in advance of each meeting (or at any time for a quick response!) These will then be added to the agenda for Class Reps.

STAR WARS CARDS - It was decided that at this stage they were not to be banned!

Although a parent had asked the school to ban them due to the pressure children are exerting through "pester power" to buy lots of cards, Class Reps believed that the card swapping had many advantages for the children – helping to socialise, to swap fairly, and a quieter activity for those children who sometimes find playtimes difficult.

BUT toys are not encouraged, no electronic games etc

POINT RAISED: 4C have no pegs, due to the windows being replaced. This is being dealt with.

Apples - When do you want these in? (10th October)

Julie Gannon (PTA) needs help for fireworks night. Could each Rep get 5 volunteers to be marshalls and send email and mobiles to Julie. Can you also ask for tea/bar/hot dog duties?

Please let Julie know if you can help. This is a huge event and loved by all, so please support. It's really not fair to leave it for Julie to organise, if we can all do a little it helps.

Julie has 3 children and works full time.

julie-gannon@hotmail.co.uk. Julie would love any support from all of us.

Next Meeting Thursday 24th November at 14.00pm at Staff Room.