

Minutes of Parent Representative Meeting, 5th November 2009

Attended:

Mrs Thomson, Juliet Davies 2B, Helen Lee 2B, Kate Hartley 6S, Tracy Purser Nursery, Felicity Hardie 1K, Charlotte Notcutt Reception, Nicky Larard Playgroup, Penny Semple, Sara Rose, Belynda Cook Governor, Rowena Durrant, Helena Veldkamp 5W, Libby Piper 5W, Justine McMullan 6D, Caroline Arnold 4C, Jacqui Napier-Munn 6D, Caroline Piercy 6W, Jate Adams 3B, Ceri Parekh 6W, Debbie Sim 6S, Greg Nicholls

1. Creative Curriculum Pictures – The pictures were passed round feedback was given from Class Reps, and a request to get the pictures onto the school website was noted. Year 1 comment – it wasn't that obvious what the picture was. ACTION: can all the pictures be put onto the school website? And all the topic webs be the same for each year group. Tell the parents where this information is, and encourage the children to look at other year group webs/pictures. General feedback was positive.
2. Community Links/Creative Parents – Is there anyone known in the community or through parents who could contribute to bringing in people to school? (to add to our diverse and creative curriculum)
3. Parent Consultations – The PTA are serving teas & coffees at the Consultations and if anyone is able to help serve please annotate the list – Thank you.
4. Fireworks 7.11.09 – Greg Nicholls (PTA Chair) “Thanks for all your help so far, we do however need more helpers to make the evening a success. We have been given lots of Raffle Prizes, and there will be a Tombola (last year it could have been more successful, this year it will be done on a dice roll, instead of a ticket system). Feedback last year was that it hadn't worked that well. Please a reminder to parents to return any unsold Raffle tickets, as there are teams of parents and children selling around the Village at the weekends. There will be a Mufti Day 6.11.09 and the children have been asked to bring in “bottles” for the Bottle Tombola. The PTA are working towards funding a new kitchen for use by the children.
5. A comment was raised that our Mufti Days were very inward looking, ie for the benefit of our School only, and we should look to Charities outside the School – as well as for ourselves. Mrs Thomson emphasised that classes will be concentrating on a different Charity each half term. A parent commented that her child particularly enjoyed this focus as it had been more meaningful. It was acknowledged that the information could be better communicated to parents perhaps via the website or Class Reps.
6. The Truly Scrumptious Kitchen has a new Chef Manager – Leslie Stacey. Mrs Thomson announced a new opt in, no strings attached trial, which will take place for the last 3 weeks of term – full information to follow. The new collaborative menu will be in place and the children will pre-order their menu. Packed lunches will be will be “no junk” from 30.11.09. Some parents were concerned that the “Food Police” approach may not be understood by the children or by some parents – Reps to make notes of any concerns please.

A.O.B.

1. “Ramp” by the Pirate boat in KS1 playground gets very slippery and must be rectified.
2. Childrens Centre – planning has been withdrawn due to resident concerns, and it is looking likely that the Centre will be in Prestwood. School is welcoming letters of support for the project to still go ahead in the local Community. Please forward any letters of support to the school office.
3. Oldham Hall – the group is still on at the same time as Ballinger Playgroup – can any time be changed?
4. Cooking Bus – not all children got the opportunity to go on the Bus and there was a discussion of how beneficial it was for the school. Year 1 and Reception didn't get a chance to cook at all during the week. Some children in Yr 1 were upset.
5. Lost Property

6. Phone System – still lots of problems getting through. Is there an option to ring in emergencies?
7. Assessment Week- lots to cram in
8. Security – child “escaping” – how secure is School?
9. Finally please open the Main School Gate by 3.15pm to collect the children.

The meeting closed Mrs Thomson thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions, the Minutes will be placed on the School website ASAP.