**Minutes of Class Reps Meeting**

**Thursday 4th July 2024 at 2pm**

**MINUTES**

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| **Attendees:** | Shelly Begum |  | Katrina Turvey , Deputy Headteacher |  |
|  | Ashley Edwards |  | Caroline Johnstone, minute taker |  |
|  | Hannah Davies |  |  |  |
|  | Jasmine Gibson |  | **Apologies:** |  |
|  | Jo Fawcett |  | Emma Brown |  |
|  | Chelley Purton |  | Rachael Bell |  |
|  | Stacey Castleman |  | Laura Wanless |  |
|  |  |  | Carolan Runc |  |
|  |  |  | Hannah Simpson |  |
|  |  |  | Sylvia Berry |  |
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| **WELCOME** | | | | |
| **Meeting started at : 2pm**   * KT welcomed all attendees and commenced the meeting. | | | | |
| **SUCCESSES** | | | | |
| * Weekly updates from teachers on Studybugs really good. Also helpful to know what they have been learning. Sharing successes with parents ‘child in mind’ shows the teachers are thinking about the children. This boosts children’s confidence. * KT said that children don’t always know their strengths so teacher feedback is good. * Newsletter has improved getting information to parents. * Lots of trips this term, could have caused financial difficulties for some families. Could there be an opportunity for overpayment on trips / books to help disadvantaged families. | | | | |
| **SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY** | | | | |
| * KT highlighted that using social media by some parents to highlight problems hasn’t been helpful or respectful. * It was mentioned that parents using FB to get to other parents was done when they felt their concerns weren’t listened to by the school – as a last resort. * Parents are always advised to contact the class teacher in the first instance. * KT advised that the school will be doing some workshops on social media use, which will include watsapp groups and talking on gaming machines. * Children feeling bullied, parents not feeling it is being addressed. Can we have some ‘bullying not tolerated’ posters. All staff need to be consistent, including supply staff. * Phone usage – at another schools parent’s evening the teacher asked the parents how they manage their child’s phone usage. | | | | |
| **SUMMER HOLIDAY LEARNING** | | | | |
| * KT asked for views on home learning over the holidays. * It was suggested that an activity sheet, like bingo is a good idea. This can include something linked to our values too and also focus on kindness activities. * The library offer free activities – lego clubs, book clubs and 7+ reading challenge. * There will be a free bus service running while the gas works are happening in Smallfield and Horley. School office to email timetable to parents. * It was commented that some children spend a long time completing holiday homework and don’t feel it is marked, or given feedback. * A holiday scrapbook might be a nice idea with pictures / photos and writing. * KT mentioned practising timestables over the summer but parents are keen to keep their children off screens – go back to books. Daily reading during the summer is essential. * TT rockstars is not as effective as when it started. Teachers not promoting daily. Used to have class / school competitions – needs to be consistent across the school. * Reading diaries mentioned as parents not feeling they are being monitored. Listening to children reading in school and at home really important. Reading race has stopped as it didn’t improve outcomes for all children. Reading expectations will be shared in September, along with home learning. | | | | |
| **SCHOOL VALUES** | | | | |
| * KT informed that school values will be at the forefront from September. Looking at linking animals to the values. Promoting a value a day, maybe an assembly every day. * Children will learn the values and how they impact the school, also how they can demonstrate the values in the school. | | | | |
| AOB | | | | |
| * Year 4 maths tests – will results be shared. KT confirmed the results will be in the children’s reports. * KT asked parents for their view on after school clubs that are paid for. Parents were supportive. School to look to provide further clubs. * Social and mental wellbeing of all children, staff and families will be supported from September from new staff being appointed. * KT said that from September the opportunity will be shared to change the class reps. | | | | |
| **Meeting ended at 3pm.** | | | | |