

# Frieth Parent Class Rep meeting minutes



**Held:** 5 December 2019, School

**Present**

- Jo Reid
- Jess Coombs (Owls)
- Sophie Charlesworth (Buzzards)
- Courtney Brennan (Kestrels)
- Laura Webb (Kites)
- Fi Hayter (Eagles)

**Apologies** (none)

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## Your class/parent reps are

<b>Owls</b>	Jess Coombs	jessicahunt50@hotmail.com
<b>Buzzards</b>	Sophie Charlesworth	scharlesworth_12@hotmail.co.uk
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<b>Kites</b>	Laura Webb	laurawebb28@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Eagles</b>	Fi Hayter	fi.hayter@btopenworld.com

At the beginning of each term, the class teacher will contact the Class Rep with information about the term ahead. The parent class reps meet each term with Mrs Reid to discuss any points on your behalf; they will let you know in advance when a meeting is coming up. Your rep will remind you of calendar events such as assemblies, non-uniform days etc.

You can ask your rep questions about the class/school and they will do their best to answer, or get an answer from the rep meeting or class teacher; this saves many people going into school about the same thing.

Please remember if you have any questions or issues with the class routine or upcoming events in the classroom, these can be addressed by asking the Class Rep to approach the class teacher for information. Any questions or issues about your child as an individual, it is better to contact the class teacher directly via the office.

## 1. Welcome

Mrs Reid welcomed everyone and apologised that the meeting had had to be postponed due to staff sickness.

### Queries raised by class

### Actions

## 2. Eagles

**Please can the children bring home a copy of their Head Teacher's Award when they are received so that they can be shared with their families?**

The awards are placed on the main board at school until the board is full and new awards are issued. When the award is removed it is then sent home with the child. The amount of time awards are on the board varies depending on how many have been issued.

**Can the children go to the library without missing their break and lunch times?** In Year 6 there is significantly more to the curriculum and therefore there is no set library slot. The children are also making a transition towards secondary school where they will be expected to change their book as and when they are ready to, as there will not be a dedicated slot.

**Are any school trips planned?** There will be a KS2 Geology Day on 13 December where a team are coming into school to work with the children. In the Spring term the focus will be on the Amazon and again it is expected that there will be a team coming into school with a particular focus on science related to the Amazon. In the Summer term there will be the trip to France.

**Is there going to be any SATS revision after school and if so when will this be starting?** Yes there will be and it will be starting in January. Letters will be issued shortly. It is expected that these are going to be on Wednesdays after school but the information will be confirmed in the letter and may not be every Wednesday due to staffing availability.

**Sometimes cutlery and trays appear dirty at lunchtime when they arrive from Dolce.** If any items are dirty they are put to one side and photos are taken and sent to Dolce, however this is rare. Sometimes water marks are present on the cups where perhaps they haven't dried properly but they are still clean.

Mrs  
Goodchild  
/Mrs Reid

### 3. Kites

**Could a timetable be available so the parents can have an idea what the children are doing on a weekly basis?** There is a timetable on the school website. Unfortunately initially the timetable had 18/19 on it but it has since been corrected.

**Special Mentions - has the system changed?** Yes, there is a tree on display in the hall (currently with autumn leaves on it). The leaves come down at the end of term and are given to the children to take home. JR to ask whether a sticker system could be available to KS1 children for example “ask me about my special mention today” so that parents can be aware of the award.

**Will we be keeping Times Tables Rockstars? The children love it!** Yes the subscription has been renewed and the Cracking Times Tables will be phased out. At the end of Year 4 the children will take an online test of 3 minutes (6 seconds per question) and will be expected to know all the tables up to 12x12.

**Can we have some updated photos on the Kites web page?** Please do have a look at the newsfeed section of the website as well as the class pages as often the activities are not exclusive to one class. There have been lots of science activities recently. School are still looking for some additional digital cameras so that they can take more photos. If any parents have any that they are not using any more and may wish to donate them please do get in touch!

**Is it possible for French classes to be more interactive instead of lots of writing on the whiteboard?** It is hard to understand why the children are saying that they are not interactive in their French classes. The teacher is only writing key words on the white board and there are plenty of conversations and role plays going on in every lesson. Currently the children are learning to sing carols in French and German.

**Is it possible to monitor the temperature in the class as it can get stuffy especially during wet play?** A new thermostatically controlled boiler has recently been installed which shuts the heating off once a temperature of 21 degrees has been reached. This is the normal recommended operating temperature of offices and schools.

Mrs Reid/  
Mrs Tyzack  
/ Miss Holt

Parents

#### 4. Kestrels

**Are Head Teacher's Awards given out for passing each level of the Cracking Times Tables?** No, only certificates are awarded. However, if a teacher feels a child has been really stuck on a particular level and persevered for a long time then they may be considered for a Head Teacher's Award.

**Is the Times Tables Rock Stars going to be continued?** Yes, the subscription has been renewed. See full reply in Kites section.

**Are the children having their reading benchmarked enough?** On average children are benchmarked twice per half term although this does depend on the individual children and the teacher must feel the child is ready to be benchmarked.

**Sometimes we are given homework on Education City but when we log on there's nothing there?** This issue appears to have been resolved now and any homework set will be accessible on all platforms.

**Will there be any field trips coming up?** Please see full answer in Eagles section.

**There doesn't appear to be any provision for resolving upsets after break / lunchtime and in PSHE there are no opportunity to discuss these issues.** That's correct, PSHE is a curriculum lesson and is not intended to be an opportunity to resolve playground disputes. During break and lunch times there are staff on duty in hi-vis jackets to deal with issues there and then so that the teachers can begin their lessons straight after break. Occasionally issues may need to be brought back inside and behaviour forms are in place to address more serious issues. Pupils are sometimes given the support of an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant - Emma Spencer) on a 1-1 basis or in groups if the needs arise.

## 5. Buzzards

**If a child receives a warning will parents be informed?** Not necessarily as it is a warning only. Behaviour is managed in school and doesn't always need to be brought home.

**Has the Numbots trial been successful and will it be renewed?** Yes it has been successful and has been renewed.

**Comments in the reading record books have been nice and positive and my child enjoys reading with the parent helpers, please thank them.** Thank you, feedback will be given to Mrs Tyzack and the parent helpers.

**Sometimes my child's homework comes back with just ticks, could we maybe have a bit of guidance if corrections are needed? Who marks the homework, Mrs Tyzack or a TA? Could parents receive more guidance on online maths homework - specifically how much they should be doing?** Homework is not intended to be "deep marked" as it is not a good use of teachers' time. Who marks it depends on what the homework is and who the teacher is. A homework survey will be coming out imminently, please see section below on "messages from school".

**Please can we make sure the classrooms aren't too hot and stuffy so that the children can concentrate better?** Please see reply under Kites section.

Mrs Reid  
to pass on  
feedback

## 6. Owls

**Which spellings is a Year 1 child meant to be doing - we are getting a spelling bee, a bookmark and 4 in the book each week?** Spelling bee is for the next week followed by the ones Miss Holt sets in class. The spelling champion list is tested at the end of term.

**Can we use the reading record books to record homework in?** It should be straightforward as one homework book should be sent home separately from the reading record books each week. If this is being missed please feedback directly to Miss Holt.

**Can the purpose of the friendship bench be reinforced?** This has been done this term and lunchtime staff are always available to assist with this as are the play leaders.

**Lots of positive feedback on the breakfast club but a feeling that more children would join if there was more advertising.** Thank you for the feedback. There will be an after school club as well from January and this will take place the Village Hall where there will be more space. It has been advertised in the newsletter. Please see section "messages from school" below regarding the staffing of this.

**Is there a timetable for Owls school day?** Yes there is on the school website.

**How can we interact better with the PTA Committee? Some parents feel that their voices aren't being heard and that suggestions they make are being dismissed.** It was agreed that JR will liaise with the Bertie Bayliss and Richard Piercy to seek a way forward.

Mrs Reid

**Messages from the school**

- 7. Homework:** There will be a homework consultation survey coming out imminently to get parents' views. This is to ensure that the right amount of homework is being set and for the right reasons. Some schools are cutting back on homework and it is questionable as to whether it is a good use of children and teachers' time to do it. However, the need to prepare for secondary school was also noted. Please look out for this and complete it to have your voice heard!
- 8. Hi-Vis Jackets:** All children should have a hi-vis jacket. As the mornings and evenings are now very dark (especially following the after-school clubs) please encourage your children to wear these so they can be seen. Recently a villager who was driving up the hill became concerned that she could barely see some children walking home.
- 9. Falcons Breakfast and After School Club:** With the afternoon session starting as well from January, additional staff are being recruited to fill these supervisory roles. In the meantime, if any parent knows of a childcare professional with a level 3 or above or indeed would like to volunteer themselves, then please talk to Mrs Reid. Further information is available on the school website.

Parents to complete the survey

**Date of next meeting: tbc**