

Stanford Infant School

Minutes of Parent Class Representatives Meeting 6th December 2018 @ 9:15am

Attendees:

Madeleine Denyer (MD), Amy Robbs, Katie Floyd (Alex Class); Martin Hansford (Palace Class); Susannah Kyriacou (Pier Class); Emily Long, Jess Biggs (Dolphin Class); Alison Kennedy (Lagoon); Paul Garner (Ocean Class); Eva Fisher (Regent Class).

Apologies received from:

Esther Shepherd (Pier Class); Emily Long (Dolphin Class); Helen Hauduc (Marina Class);

Matters Arising:

Water Bottles – MD had spoken to teachers, who said they provide regular reminders about drinking water during the day. Many reported that children re-fill their bottles throughout the day. We would continue to monitor to ensure the children are hydrated. We refer to water as 'Brain Juice' and children have access to water at playtimes and every child is given water at lunchtime.

Cutlery – the report of waiting for cutlery to eat lunch appears to have been a 'one off'.

School Meals – whilst the menu is different, the School Meals are of a good quality. MD tries to eat with the children at least once a week and therefore talks with the children about their meal, as part of quality control!

Outdoor Gym Equipment – MD will monitor how it is used before/after school. If it is challenging, please let MD know.

PTFA Christmas Fayre:

Mandy Blake, PTFA Committee, had asked whether there was any feedback regarding the Fayre this Saturday. The reps explained that most things were in hand; however, Amy Robbs asked if anyone knew how the 'Roll a Penny' & 'Spin the Wheel' worked, as it wasn't entirely clear on the crib sheet. It was suggested Amy contacts Lucy to ask for further guidance – this has already been actioned!

The reps would check with the Committee if a whole school reminder would be sent out regarding the fayre, before making a decision whether to send an individual message to their respective classes.

Class Feedback:

BA Academy & Childcare Vouchers

Comment: *why do BA Academy not accept Childcare Vouchers? As they now run four After School Clubs, it is quite problematic that they do not accept the vouchers.*

Response: MD said that she was not sure but would speak to Miss Parker, who liaises with all the Clubs, and would seek a response from BA Academy.

Update - Miss Parker has contacted BA Sports and inquired about the possibility of accepting Childcare Vouchers as payment for the various after school activities they run here at Stanford. BA Academy have previously investigated this and were told that in order to be eligible they would need to provide a club that ran for two hours or more. As the voucher scheme is changing, there has been some confusion as to who is now able sign up; they will investigate again in the New Year.

Class Rewards

Comment: *Pier Class families were not aware of the pyjama party until the night before – it was communicated via the class 'WhatsApp' and this was also the same day as the children were wearing blue for Anti-Bullying Week.*

Response: MD said a letter was displayed on the class door in advance, so apologies if it had been missed. MD said she was aware of the clash with 'Blue Tuesday' and can only apologise. This was an oversight and MD would ensure that special events do not happen on the same day!

The Pier Class rep did say all was fine in the end and the children had a wonderful pyjama party.

Pier Class Display Board

Comment: *the Pier Class display board is displaying notices that are extremely old. Could it be updated or can the parents/carers have the key to update it themselves?*

Response: MD apologised and said the board should be updated with Class/Year Group and PTFA info.

Update - the School Office has removed the old notices and put up relevant information. MD has spoken to the Pier Class teachers and they will put the messages currently on their external door on the board.

Thanks was passed to Miss Wilde for covering the class on a substantial basis during Mrs Milton's absence; this has been seamless, thank you.

Home Learning Activities

Comment: *please can there be a cut-off date for responding to any requests, e.g. the map from home to school, so that parents/carers know how long they have got and whether they can meet the deadline!*

Response: MD said she would ask staff to clarify when any items need to be returned by. On the whole, there is usually an indication; however, topic reviews/bubble sheets are voluntary and can be returned when you and your child has completed them. We do value responses from home, so if you're not sure, please just ask.

Buddies

Comment: *would it be possible to have some information about the buddy system at lunchtime, as some children are reporting that the buddies are telling them what they can and can't eat.*

Response: children in Year 2 are given the opportunity to be buddies, which means they support children at playtimes and lunchtimes. The Lunch Hall buddies are there to help open packets from lunchboxes, etc. and encourage the children eat, help clear tables, etc. However, their role is not to tell children what they can and can't eat! MD will speak to the buddies about this and remind them of their roles and responsibilities. MD will also remind all children in assembly next Tuesday.

Book Changing

Comment: *children still aren't changing their books regularly! They know there are reminders but some children aren't changing them, or they bring home the wrong colours. The rep said there was info at the Reading Workshop, could that be replicated somewhere?*

Response: MD said children are encouraged to change their home reading books and we have replenished some of the book colours. MD suggests speaking directly to class teachers if children are not changing their books regularly. The information from the Reading Workshop is on our School Website, under 'Parent Resources' - <http://www.stanfordinfants.co.uk/parent-resources/>

Finally, the reps passed on thanks to the school for the excellent term the children have had at school. Reception children have settled brilliantly.

The Meeting ended at 9:30am.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 31st January @ 9:15am**