

Emmbrook Infant School Parents Forum

Friday 6 October 2017 9-10am

In attendance:

Christine Adkins
Corrina Gillard
Emma Wilkinson (minutes)

Kate Benson
Katherine Pritchard (chair)
Mell Morris

Apologies

Clare Day Emma Mitchell

Previous minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted.

Follow on actions;

- Toe to Toe - this initiative did not happen as the organisers did not respond
- Textile Clothing - CG mentioned a company who would provide a clothing collection bin on the school site. CG to investigate further

1. Revising/agreeing Terms of Reference

Minor changes made to the ToR

KP to update and circulate

2. Recruiting new members

Current members	
Green Cygnets - Clare Day	Red Cygnets - vacant
Robins - Mell Morris, Kate Benson	Swans - vacant
Kingfishers - Katherine Pritchard, Emma Wilkinson	Woodpeckers - Christine Adkins

Continue to encourage members from Red cygnets and Swans.

CA to post on Facebook for new members

3. Library update

Training is taking place for volunteers on Wednesday 11 October. The library will be open after school on 3 days per week until 4pm. Only available to children at the school, due to limitations in space, non school siblings are unable to attend.

4. Wrap around care

A working party has been set up between the two schools consisting of two Governors, Parents Forums and Head Teachers and the first meeting held on 4 October 2017. A letter will be sent to Judith Ramsden, Director of Children's Services at WBC to highlight the issue.

Kate Benson (Infant Governor) and Helen Dixon (Junior Governor) are meeting with the current before/afterschool club based at the Bungalow.

The Parent Forum will highlight the shortage of childminders with WBC

EW to contact the early years team

KB to mention in the Joel Park Residents Association newsletter

Discussed the options for fundraising for new premises. The Parent Forum welcomes any ideas and will feed these into the working party.

5. Next survey

At the last meeting the forum considered doing a survey on raising financial contributions. CG stated that the Sports Funding budget has recently increased from £8,000 to £17,000 which will greatly assist in funding healthy week and sports activity so no immediate action is needed in raising funds for extra curricular activities.

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6. Any other business

Book bags – concern has been raised regarding the ‘junk mail’ in book bags. CG confirmed that the school charge companies who wish to add information into the book bags. Any material which is of direct benefit to the children is free.

CG to explain this in the next school newsletter

SCOPAY – recently introduced to school. There is an option to extend this for school payments e.g. trips and clubs. Each transaction will incur a charge. It was discussed that this could be transferred to the parents rather than paid by the school. This system will have ongoing evaluation.

Clubs – an arts club is being considered.

7. Next meeting

24th November 9am

If you wish to raise anything, email emmbrook.inf.forum@gmail.com