

Emmbrook Infant School Parents Forum

Thursday 22nd March 2018, 2pm

In attendance:

Christine Adkins

Katherine Pritchard (chair and minutes)

Karen Norcutt

Corrina Gillard (Head teacher)

Catherine Stott

Apologies

Kate Benson

Emma Wilkinson

Mell Morris

Review of last minutes

Juniors cycling on site – Mr Fenton has sent out an email to parents and has addressed the issue in assemblies with the children. This will continue to be monitored.

The rest of the minutes approved and agreed or to be discussed during the meeting.

1. Reps

We have recruited a new rep for Green Cygnets – Ana Clinch, Ana will be added to the mailing list and invited to the next meeting.

Current members	
Green Cygnets – Ana Clinch (new member)	Red Cygnets – Karen Norcutt
Robins - Mell Morris, Kate Benson	Swans – Catherine Stott
Kingfishers - Katherine Pritchard, Emma Wilkinson	Woodpeckers - Christine Leddy

Photos of reps are now up outside the classrooms. KP to ask Ana to send a picture to the office to add to Green Cygnet's door.

2. Library Update -

There have been customers at the library on and off since the last meeting. We have lost some volunteers. It was agreed that for next term the library will open once a week only. CL will message the remaining volunteers to find out what day we have most volunteers and will also try and recruit new volunteers to help with the view that volunteers will only need to do about once a half term.

The library will be relaunched in the summer term with the winner to the poster competition and a new opening day. Parents to be reminded that they are welcome to come to the library to look at the books and do some reading, changing the library book is not compulsory.

3. Wrap Around Care update

The working party met 21.03.18 the key points were:

- Extending the bungalow is not a feasible option as even with a container it would be too expensive.
- Mr Fenton has offered the Junior school hall as a space to run after school club.
- There will be certain evenings in the year where after school club would not be available (school plays, parents eve and discos) but other than this it would be available after school until 6pm.

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- The next stage is for it to go out to tender to possible providers with a view to starting up in September 2018.

4. PTA

Feedback from the PTA committee is that they have a stable committee and have had more volunteers to run recent events.

Across the 2 schools each child on average raised £30 each so this funding stream is important to the school. There was a discussion around ideas to future proof this income to the school by ensuring that all parents know how to get involved and are aware that all parents are members of the PTA.

The idea of having a PTA parent rep for each class was discussed to increase the number of core members of the PTA and ensure that every parent had someone who was easily approachable/they knew to be able to raise fundraising ideas etc. The idea of having a spendometer (think Blue Peter) was also discussed if raising money for something specific/expensive to give parents a visual of how much is left to raise.

It was still felt that a survey should be sent out to parents to get more ideas for fundraising and how to get more people involved. It was agreed that a member of the PTA committee would be invited to attend the next meeting to have a discussion about how the PTA committee and the parent forum could work together to compile this survey and to support this vital fundraising stream.

5. AOB

- **Ofsted Surveys** – some parents missed the parent survey as it was within an attachment. The pupil survey was felt to be complex for an infant school.
- **Junior school results** – there has been some concern amongst the parents about the results that have recently come out from the Juniors. Mr Fenton has addressed these concerns on a meeting with Junior parents, Mrs Gillard was unaware of this meeting so Infant parents weren't invited. Mrs Gillard is going to ask Mr Fenton to come to the Infant school for a meeting to talk to Infant parents who are making a decision about junior school to enable them to make an informed decision about Junior school.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 27th April – 9am