

**Knutsford School Parents Forum  
MINUTES**

Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
Held at:	Knutsford School – 9:00 a.m.
Present:	Eileen Anderson (EA): Head Teacher Nicola Beaumont (NB): Deputy Head Teacher Laura Gonsalves (LG): Parent Governor/Y2 Cedar Sarah Idris (SI): PTA Jo Verrinder (JV): PTA Karina Jones (KJ): Reception Birch Reena Pitney (RP): Reception Lime Trisha Kalia (TK): Y1 Beech Debbie Islam DI): Y1 Elm Jules Halligan (JH): Y3 Maple Roshni Rayvadera (RR): Y3 Plane Kim Rana (KR): Y4 Rowan/Nursery am Suchi Gulvady (SG): Y5 Oak Lorna Dickinson (LD): Y4 Hazel Tammy Cooper (TC): Y4 Hazel Emily Willtamson (EW): Y4 Rowan Jackie Hewett (JH): Y4 Sycamore Rochelle Cole (RC): Y6 Pine Jessica Stevens (JS): Y6 Willow
Apologies:	Emma Spackman: Y2 Poplar Fran Eggle: Y5 Ash

	Item	Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> 1. As stated above	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting &amp; matters arising:</b> 1. Agreed on the minutes.	LG for agenda
3	<b>Homework review:</b> 1. The feedback on the new pattern of homework has been largely positive, parents and children alike have agreed it is contained, focused on what has been learnt during the week and encourages the children to be independent and proactive while doing it. 2. It was suggested by some parents that the level of challenge isn't adequate for their children. NB and EA said that research suggests that the quantity / intensity given doesn't have a direct impact on children's learning, although it will be reviewed as the children progress on in the academic year and move towards the next academic year. NB stated the statistics for feedback received from the school council and it has been majority positive. The teachers have welcomed the change and have found corrections succinct and contained as it is one piece of homework to check every week. 3. JS said the Book Bingo has been a great idea for children especially in the juniors, although not every genre in the Book Bingo for Reception children are available in the school library. EA suggested the teachers need to review the genres based on what's available at the library to be able to make them available	EA NB All reps

	<p>for the children.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR stated given the spellings for Year 3 are in the same sheet as the rest of the homework and gets handed in usually first thing at the start of the week, if the spellings could be made into a separate handout so children could retain them and have the opportunity to revise for tests scheduled for Tuesdays. NB suggested a separate notebook of spellings could be maintained at home for the same.</li> <li>JH on behalf of a parent's feedback suggested if a more sophisticated approach can be made towards homework – viz. making it accessible online. EA said some families don't have access to devices at necessary times due to which it may not be largely feasible idea.</li> </ol>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Christmas Stall Allocations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SI and JM have encouraged parent reps. to encourage any help offered by parents so that they can be delegated across classes to stalls which require more help.</li> <li>SI confirmed the setting up time to be 6:00 p.m. onwards on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and 9:00 a.m. onwards on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> of December.</li> <li>A few changes have been made in prizes won at Santa's Grotto and more catered towards options other than sweets.</li> <li>Quiet areas introduced to facilitate families to regroup during the busy hours of the fayre. Cashback facility and loose change facility have been made available too.</li> </ol>	All reps
<b>5</b>	<p><b>New Uniform:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new orders to be placed via order forms, but Jo and Kim will be available on Thursday mornings to try sell and phase out the existing stock at reduced prices yet not incurring loss on the same.</li> <li>EA has emphasised PE t-shirts, jumpers, etc. don't have to have school logo.</li> <li>New uniform is to be introduced in September 2019 but there would be no pressure from school to buy it until necessary i.e. when your child needed new uniform.</li> <li>The Aspire Trust has a tie up with Mapac which will enable parents to place orders online and get the uniforms delivered to their desired address.</li> <li>Mapac will only sell (online) items that the PTA no longer stocked and once PTA had sold most or all of remaining stock, then those items would become available online from Mapac.</li> <li>We also discussed Mapac coming to visit with some samples and reps could attend at this time too.</li> </ol>	All reps
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Daily Mile:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC suggested if the popular initiative called the 'Daily Mile' can be incorporated as a collective effort towards encouraging the children to stay active and fit. EA said given the various other initiatives the school conducts, viz. Knutsford University, Maths Fluency, etc. it is difficult to fit this into the schedule, alongside lack of space and difficulty in co-ordination for all the year groups to do the Daily Mile consistently.</li> </ol>	All reps
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Possible school trips covering e-safety aspects e.g. Google/YouTube:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR, on behalf of a parent's suggestion said if school trips can be geared towards facilitating visits to organisations like Google, Youtube where children can be given a glimpse into the working</li> </ol>	RR EA

	<p>industry and jobs they can aspire to work towards as they grow up. EA has asked for more information on how these trips work, RR to gather more information and get back.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Year 5 trip and lack of funding from parents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SG stated that the Year 5 Synagogue trip in spite of multiple reminders to the parents failed to raise sufficient funds for the trip, due to which there was a risk of cancellation, but thankfully went ahead nevertheless with school funding. SI said the School Gateway didn't allow payment due to the amount being small - £3.50, due to which it is possible most parents relied on it but never got around making the payment in person. It is unclear on how to raise funds more effectively to avoid such situations gain, given the children benefit immensely from such trips.</li> <li>2. SI suggested if the deficit is something the PTA can possibly fund. JV has suggested in such instances the cake sale money raised by that particular year group then possibly can pay towards the deficit.</li> </ol>	All reps PTA
<b>9</b>	<p><b>48-hour rule for sickness:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was agreed that a sick child has to be kept home for 48 hours and EA agreed a reminder was to be sent out in the newsletter.</li> </ol>	All reps, EA
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Date for next meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. agenda items no. 10 – no. 12 to be carried forward for the next meeting scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 in school dining hall. Any agenda items to be forwarded to LG by 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019.</li> </ol> <p><b>Meeting closed 10:00 a.m.</b></p>	LG All reps