

Present: Mark Smith, Victoria Doran, Sarah Batts, Sarah Birch, Chris Jones, Kellie Hatcher, Sara Coles

Apologies: Olivia Goodgame, Jo Webb, Sarah Webster, Jackie Hampson

### **Update on matters arising from last meeting:**

Creche during class assemblies – Mr Smith thanked those parent council members who had given their time to offer this service. The crèche was used at the Class 1 assembly by an appreciative parent. We all felt this was something to promote further for such events.

### **New Matters arising:**

#### Toilet incidents

*A parent had mentioned that at times their child was not being cleaned properly after going to the toilet. Mr Smith commented that all staff are diligent in their duty of care although at times there had been some very difficult situations with children having accidents and the school needing to call parents to collect children to bath them. Although we understand and expect with young children that there will be accidents, the school have experienced more children this year who have not been properly toilet trained and would ask that parents work on this aspect of children's independence before they start school.*

#### Outside Clubs

*It was asked whether children could leave their belongings inside when attending a sports club. Mr Smith said this would be arranged for the school run sports club. At football club it was suggested that children leave their belongings under the shelter of the pavilion. Mr Smith will discuss this with Dave Hunt for the new term.*

#### Homework

*A few parents of one class had mentioned that homework was sometimes too easy and then at other times too hard. Mr Smith said he would discuss this with the individual teacher. As a reminder if your child is finding a piece of homework difficult and you feel you have spent longer than 20 minutes battling with it, leave it and have a chat with the teacher the next day.*

#### Staff Changes

*Parents had mentioned how smooth the transition had been with staff changes in Class 3. The parents were thankful that Miss Kerr had covered full time while Mrs Rae was on maternity and were pleased that the children had not been phased by the return to having two teachers since the middle of November. Parents had commented how the children like Mrs Cox and how approachable she is.*

#### Pens

*Some children's jumpers are marked with whiteboard pens used in class. Mr Smith said he would investigate whether any of the old pens that were a problem last term are lingering around school!*

#### Water Bottles

*A parent had observed that the children are often pouring a lot of water from their bottles into the water butts outside at the end of the day. It was suggested that maybe children have less water in the bottle to start with which might encourage them to drink it. Mr Smith said that for many children this would be their second bottle of water through the day and that children are reminded to drink and do drink throughout the day now.*

Mr Smith thanked the Parent Council for their hard work and asked that representatives gained positive views on the work of the school as well as any concerns that arise.

Meeting closed at 9.45am. Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 9am.