



## School Council Meeting minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Apologies

Some councillors were swimming (year 5) and would join the meeting later.

### Attending -

Year 2 - Abbie and Hayden

Year 3 - Orla and Ross

Year 4 - Mary and Ryan

Year 5 - Harriet and Michael

Year 6 - Skye and Xavia

Mrs Brown

Mrs Brown welcomed everyone and explained how the School Council worked. At the next meeting a Chair and Vice Chair will be elected. Mrs Brown chaired this meeting. A new School Council picture is also needed and Mrs Brown will arrange this.

### Minutes of the meeting and what has happened since then

As this was the first meeting of the new school council we did not look at the last minutes.

### Discussion points

- The Council asked to have a talent show again this year with heats in the classes and 2 acts from each class going into the final in the hall. Mrs Brown agreed this could be done in the summer term.
- There was a request for the writing gel pens the school bought some years ago. Mrs Brown took some time to explain how the school was funded so that the Councillors understood why these expensive pens could not be purchased. Year 5 requested that they be able to buy their own pens for school. Mrs Brown suggested they talk to their teacher about this.
- There was a request for new library books. Mrs Brown mentioned that the staff had been discussing this and would the Councillors think a sporting section would good - all agreed it would with a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books. Mrs Thomas will work on this.
- Year 6 are currently doing 'Bake off' in school. It was suggested they could do a fundraiser from this.
- One class requested a zip wire in the playground. This would be very expensive every year so is not possible.
- The Councillors liked the playground markings and now wanted a friendship bench. Mrs Brown explained that the PTA had already bought this and we now needed to decide where it would go. After some discussion it was felt that near the staffroom would be best so pupils and staff could see if someone was sad. Mr Doffman will arrange for this to be placed there and for the benches on the top playground to be put there too.
- Some children said they would like afternoon play back. Others said they did not want it back. Mrs Brown explained how things had improved since afternoon play had gone - less accidents, less arguing, more lesson time.
- A discussion was held about why the hill was removed. All agreed it was much better having a big play space instead but we were sad the tree had gone.

- There was a request for competitions. Mrs Brown explained this was fine but an adult was needed to help and the children would have to try and find one to help them.
- There was a request for shading on the playgrounds. After discussing this it was suggested the children research 'School Canopies' to see what sorts were available and how much they are. They can bring this information back to the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Due to swimming it was suggested that the next meeting by a working lunch meeting - everyone brings their lunch while we talk! So it will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15pm in the spare classroom.