



## Agenda

### Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council

**Meeting Date:** Friday 28th February 2020

**Time:** 09.00am

**Venue:** Hamstel Infant School, Staff Room

**Members of the group:**

Name	Class Year group	Present/ Absent
Debbie Morris	Deputy Headteacher	√
Laurie Soane	Minutes taker	√
Karis loads	YN Caterpillar / Y1 Duck	√
Paul Challen	YN Caterpillar / Y1 Dragonfly	√
Jo Richardson	YR Rainbow	x
Jo Mayo	YR Woodpecker	√
Rebecca Naidoo	YR Kingfisher	√
David Clarke	YR Owl/ Y2 Squirrel	√
Sadie Judd	YR Swan	√
Joanna Anastasiou	YR Peacock Y2 Otter	√
Faye Roberts	Y1 Heron	Apologies
Melba Whipps	Y1 Newt/ Y2 Fox	√
Nina Kirby-Duboux	Y1 Dragonfly	√
Lisa Carter	Y1 Frog	√
Jo Lund	Y1 Frog	√
Hannah Goodliff	Y2 Squirrel	√
Saadia Choudhary	Y2 Otter	√
Mathula Aravindan	Y2 Badger /YR Swan	x
Kerry Phillips	Y2 Hedgehog	Apologies
Katie McCrae	Y2 Badger	Apologies

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Item	Focus –
1.	<p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We now have a parent councillor for every class – <a href="#">Mr Morris welcomed everyone especially new members.</a></li> <li>• Parent Governor membership – <a href="#">If any parents are interested, not just the Parent Council. Two members of the PC’s expressed an interest – Paul and Melba. PC to all ask parents.</a></li> <li>• Fundraising group update – <a href="#">At present there is no PTA although currently the Friends of Hamstel, Hamstel Parent Council and the Junior equivalent. Paul spoke about the Hamstel School Community page.</a></li> <li>• Christmas Jumper –<a href="#">more jumpers have been handed in to the office – Any collections can be taken to the Infant office to be stored in the PTA shed for future sale. It was also suggested costumes from past Year groups for specific events could also be donated.</a></li> </ul>

2.	<p><b>Paul Challen – Caterpillar/Dragonfly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul is able to generally make himself available for reading, crating up Mother's Day gifts or helping at the uniform shop every week day between 9.30am-12pm if that's any use to you. <a href="#">The Fundraising group will let other PC's know and requests can be made for dates and times.</a> Mrs Morris has a swimming pool helpers central register,</li> <li>• Some parents are finding that the area being used to feed the birds along the secret garden can become a slip hazard during wet weather. <a href="#">Teachers will monitor – DM will raise again in staff meeting, Paul Challen suggested maybe getting a bird table</a></li> <li>• A Parent asked in the Magic Breakfast provision would continue next academic year as the Juniors have said they are not continuing. <a href="#">DM explained about the how the current provision was allocated and mentioned said the funding for the bagels was originally due to finish in March but it has been extended to July 2020. The cost of continuing providing the same level of stock has been reviewed and the outcome will be shared with Infant Parents in the Summer.</a></li> <li>• When the is bad weather in the morning can the class doors open at 8:30am so the children can get into class rather than standing outside getting wet? <a href="#">Yes, in bad weather the teachers have been reminded that they can do this. Mrs Morris will mention it at the next staff meeting.</a></li> <li>• (The large positive). Nursery parents are very happy that the doors are opening earlier, this relieving congestion and reducing the wait times for parents whom have dropped off other children in other years. <a href="#">Thank you – DM has shared this with the Nursery team</a></li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Melba Whipps – Newt and Fox</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has offered help with swimming – <a href="#">Thank you. Mrs Morris explained the roles of the adults needed for supporting the reception swim.</a></li> <li>• Parents have asked could the Year 1 children have a similar handwriting/spelling book (text book) to the y2 children – <a href="#">Mrs Morris spoke to Mr Sayer, regarding a spelling book, not at the moment, and has encouraged parents to continue with the creative suggestion for spelling practice</a></li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Faye Roberts - Heron,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would it be possible for the school to accept cash payments for after and before school clubs? – <a href="#">The school, has moved to cashless payments for booked sessions. Breakfast club will remain as cash payment</a></li> <li>• Would the school consider payments through ParentMail for breakfast club? <a href="#">As breakfast club is not a booked provision it remains a pay on the day service</a></li> <li>• The new reading scheme: Some parents think the books are too easy and it feels like their children have moved down in their reading levels. – <a href="#">The Reception Year Group Lead has already has some conversations with parents that were unsure of the new RWI colour banded book scheme Ms Bryant or the Class teacher would be able to talk with parents who are still unsure of the reasoning. Mrs Morris explained that the new reading scheme focusses more building on what the children have learned and the books to match that which in turn build fluency and increased comprehension skills. A couple of parents said the new scheme has improved their child's confidence and fluency.</a></li> <li>• A named parent in Heron classes name was put forward for a swimming helper – <a href="#">Mr Morris will contact her regarding getting a DBS check.</a></li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Lisa Carter- Frog</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a possibility of more variety for a vegan option or if the school would allow the parents to provide a lunch? Mrs Morris has discussed the menu with the Chef and has been given a list of all the current dishes that are vegan across the menu – Parents should be encouraged to meet with the Chef if they have any questions regarding child’s dietary requirements. The catering providers are currently looking in to how to represent ‘vegan ok’ on the menu that translates when copied in B/W. The school will support this by indicating vegan options on the newsletters, as menu choices are shared each week.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Hannah Goodliff - Squirrel class...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One parent said they are pleased that the children can now use TT RockStars. Their child is also enjoying Purple Mash and My Maths activities. Thank you - feedback has been passed on to the Year group, computing and maths lead. Some of the Parent Councillors said they did not receive letters regarding this. Mrs Morris has requested another letter to be arranged to go out.</li> <li>One parent has requested for the Parent Council minutes to be made available to everyone (maybe being sent out in ParentMail) – Mrs Morris in the process of updating information and getting them put on to the web page to include minutes and agenda items</li> <li>It has been really helpful to have advanced warning for payments required for trips etc and for events requiring parents to organise costumes etc. – Mrs Morris has given this feedback to school office.</li> <li>It has been really encouraging to see my child enjoying a range of activities and learning opportunities in Year 2, which he has been excited about and have been delivered in a variety of creative ways. Mrs Morris has given feedback to the Y2 lead to share with the year group team.</li> <li>When creating bookings for parents evenings on ParentMail, can there be advanced warning of when the booking will go live so that people are prepared and don’t miss booking slots suitable to them. The office plan for the bookings for parents evening to go live in the evening at roughly 6pm so all parents have a fair chance to make bookings</li> <li>All classes have a poster and Parent Councillor list to display in class windows, now that each class has one or two representatives. So the question came up; Would the group be happy to have their child’s first name listed with the parent name and class to help other parent to identify them. Parents at the meeting were happy for their child’s first name to be on the class poster as most parent know them by their child’s name e.g. Harry’s mum , but would prefer their name to be formal represented on the website or on newsletters. E.g. Mr J Morris – Rabbit Class – not all parents were present – final decision will be made after all parents have been consulted</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Meeting ended 10.13am</b>  <b>Next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 9am - Staffroom</b></p>