

**Agenda with Minutes
Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council**

Meeting Date: Wednesday 28th September **Time:** 9.00am

Venue: Hamstel Infant School and Nursery

PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Name	Class Year group	Present/ Absent
(VB) Victoria Bryant	Chair	✓
Ms Halliday	Seahorse	
Ms Whipps	Starfish	✓
Ms S Jones	Starfish	✓
Ms O	Kingfisher	✓
Ms Perry	Owl	✓
Ms Ellis	Woodpecker	
Ms Fisher	Woodpecker	
Ms Carter		✓
Ms Dabson	Dragonfly	✓
Ms McCrae	Duck	✓
Ms Walters	Duck	✓
Ms Riley	Duck	
Ms Gilbert	Heron	
Ms Lewin	Heron	
Ms Loads	Woodpecker	
Ms Lynne	Woodpecker	
Ms Musan	Woodpecker	
Ms Lewin	Otter	
Ms Loads	Otter	
Ms Bailey	Fox	
Ms Ollington	Fox	✓
Ms Pradhan	Squirrel	
Ms Hatton	Badger	✓

AGENDA

	Apologies: Ms Lewin, Ms Loads, Ms Lynne	
1.	<p>Actions from last meeting</p> <p>Parents invited to watch swimming lesson – unfortunately at this time this will not be possible as Swimming teachers settling the children into routine – this will be postponed for now</p> <p>Termly calendar of events – parental feedback was that this was really helpful in being able to plan for days off to be able to attend events</p> <p>Bucket for Reception children will start – It was decided that there will be more 'buckets' sent home to relieve the frustration of having to wait so long for turn at taking home the class mascot</p> <p>Two times for parent workshops 9am and 2.30pm – these times seem to work, would be good especially for new reception parents to perhaps have them scheduled in the 2 weeks where children are settling in? Will take this forward for next year.</p>	
2.	<p>After school clubs</p> <p>Feedback on how expensive it is. This is for paying high quality staff to run these sessions rather than teachers. Teachers workload has impacted on their ability to run clubs, which can lead to them being cancelled etc. due to training and planning meetings etc. each week.</p> <p>There are daily lunchtime clubs run by the teachers for each year group. Reception lunchtime clubs to start after October half-term when they have settled into the lunchtime routines. Children are able to choose each day if they would like to attend the club. Teachers keep a register to monitor which children are going and how often. All information on the website and was sent out on ParentPay a few weeks ago.</p>	

3	<p>Run and swap shop (non-uniform) Kate would like to run a swap stop for parents. Parents to bring in clothes and toys they no longer want for other parents to benefit from. Gold Hut could be used for this. Kate to produce a flyer to advertise and suggest dates.</p>	
4	<p>Visit to Whittingham care home Manager at Whittingham care home has asked if the children would be able to visit, sing, stay for a biscuit. Pre-Covid the children used to sing at Christmas time. This will start again this year.</p>	
5	<p>PTA: coin/Smartie challenge and Bake sale Only 476 smarties and need 1076. Due to new laws coming in, it is unlikely that we will get any more donations of free smarties. Discussed the feasibility of parents having enough coins to fill tubes and financial pressures the community are under. Possibly look into selling Smarties at the Christmas Fair. Discuss at next PTA meeting.</p>	
6	<p>AOB Logo's for uniform – two different logo's for Infant and Junior school. Children feeling self-conscience wearing uniform with Infant logo in the Junior school. Unable to have the same logo as we are two different schools. We will look into possibility of Crawlers/Pauls making a sew on logo that could go over the top of the old logo.</p> <p>Santa booking for Christmas Fair to be advertised and available to book well in advance.</p> <p>School library – would it be possible to open the school library after school for parents to support children in choosing a book that is at a more suitable reading level. Mrs Bryant explained how the library is used as an opportunity for children to choose a book to share at home which may be above/below their reading level. These books are for developing a love of reading and having access to a wider range of literature. It would be difficult to organise staff to open the library after school as a recording system of which books have been borrowed needs to be kept. During Love Books week the difference between reading books and sharing books will be explored in greater detail.</p> <p>It would be useful for new Reception parents to be made aware that Parent Pay is also used as a method of communication. A how to use ParentPay guide would also be helpful for parents, especially those new to the school.</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting: TBC after the Junior Parent Forum meeting</p>	
8	<p>Summary of Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate possibility of sew on logo for uniform • Spring Term event letters to go out after half-term. • Santa advertisement and booking to be communicated by the end of October. • Arrange Carol singing at Whittingham care home • How to guide for ParentPay • Look into organizing Reception parent meetings the same time as stay and play session. • Autumn term events 2023 to be sent out before the summer holidays. • Advertise run and swap shop – Kate to contact Victoria 	