

## Brize Norton Primary School Parent Council

### Minutes of meeting 24th October 2014

Present: Anna Fairhurst, Debs Shipway, Leah Walker, Jane Hornsby, Claire Wright, Kelly Hatcher, Victoria Doran, Jackie Hampson

Apologies: Angela Forrester, Jo Webb

School Crossing Patrol Rose Meadows will be retiring at Christmas. Whether or not she is replaced depends on the Local Authority. Rose has said that fewer children use her than did previously, as so many children come into school through the back gate. Anna will encourage parents to use her services in the newsletter, to maximise the chances of a replacement.

Mrs Jobson The question was asked why Mrs Jobson was teaching Class 1 for two days. This is because Mrs Winter is our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). She is doing the work of a SENCo as well as an intensive training programme for the role. Today (Friday 24th October) is a face-to-face day as part of the course, and Anna gave her yesterday to complete some of the paperwork, the aim being to make sure that her extra responsibilities do not impinge on her ability to teach Class 1 well.

Behaviour We had a long discussion about different aspects of how the school handles behaviour. Anna explained the rationale behind what we are trying to do, as well as the detail. The aim is to incentivise good behaviour, both individually and as part of a group, while providing clear sanctions which increase in strictness depending on the behaviour.

It was suggested that the individual raffle tickets are demotivating for some children, as only some get their names drawn out for a prize at the end of the week. Anna agreed to ask the staff to set up a raffle ticket chart, with a certificate to be awarded in assembly after a certain number have been given out. Anna will also celebrate the different reward systems (Star of the Week and Value certificates, marbles in the jar and raffle tickets) in this afternoon's Parent Celebration Assembly, so parents can see who has had one.

Police Community Support Officer It has been suggested that the PCSO is not allowed into the school to lead assemblies. Anna said that he would be very welcome, but that he is particularly busy at secondary schools and does not have a lot of time.

Class 2 books The book banded books are confusing, with some labels missing or faded, and some of the colours very similar. **Victoria Doran and Leah Walker have agreed to relabel them.**

Swimming Most people are really positive about how it is going now. The school will be moving to the RAF pool for Classes 1 and 3 after Easter. Some Year 5 parents said that their children would prefer less swimming and more chance to do other PE; it was felt that swimming was more popular among the younger children. Anna will send out a questionnaire to all parents about swimming, among other things, next term.

School Council, Eco Team and Healthy Schools Mrs Barker has now started the School Council. Anna will ask the teachers who is in charge of the other two.

Year 4 don't always have time to eat their snack This should not be the case. If this happens, the parent should speak to the teacher. If they do not feel that the teacher has answered their question satisfactorily, they should see Anna.

Parking at the end of Moat Close Some parents are parking here and it is felt that this makes the crossing more dangerous for children walking. Anna will remind parents in the newsletter to use the Elderbank Hall car park.

Good news Since parents' evening, parents have been particularly positive about Mrs Thornton and Mrs Barker, teachers who had not been teaching in these classes before this term.