

School Council Minutes:

03.05.2017

Mr Cheetham explained that Miss Burns would no longer be helping the School Council, all of the children thanked her for her dedication and effort over the years.

An outline of the School Council procedures were explained to Mr Cheetham. Mr Cheetham explained that the way of running the meetings and how we share information was open to change. The children voted that each meeting should have a different “chair” and that these should be chosen from all year groups. However not all councillors may want to chair the meetings so only those who want to would be entered into the hat.

The procedure of sharing good and bad things at meetings was universally agreed to be a good one. A decision was made that with each good and bad thing that is brought to the School Council, there must be an action. For example – Year 5 enjoyed their trip to the Cricket, a Year 5 councillor will report this to Mrs Choudary and ask if the trip can be repeated next year.

The finances of The School Council were an issue discussed. The School Council have £200 a year to help with their job of representing the children of the school. It was established that this was approximately 40p per child. Previous purchases were discussed and it was established that the amount of money we receive could be more. Different approaches to raising more money were explored. The initial ideas of writing to Miss Jones and running a stall on the school fun day were established as the best ones to explore.

Action – In The Class Council, councillors will ask class members for ideas of stalls for the fun day that would raise money.

The regularity and purpose of The Class Council was discussed. It was established that there are some classes who do not have Class Councils as regularly as they could. It was discussed that unless carried out correctly and regularly that a Class Council was pointless. The barriers to Class Councils were discussed and Mr Cheetham explained what he could do to help. It was established that Class Councils would take place 1 or 2 days before The School Council meetings. Mr Cheetham would prepare a sheet to help the children complete the Class Councils and pass on / collect the correct information.

Action – Mr Cheetham to explain to all teachers that Class Council will take place in their classrooms either 1 or 2 days before each School Council meeting. Mr Cheetham will also prepare the information to be passed on for each year group.

Good things.

Year 5 explained that all of the children who attended the Cricket trip yesterday enjoyed themselves.

Action – A Year 5 councillor to let Mrs Choudary know that the trip was a success and ask if it can be repeated next year.

Year 6 – have written a letter to Sainsburys explaining that we are collecting School Vouchers.

Action – Tabitha Clarke to deliver this letter.

Year 4 – Wrote and sent a letter to the City Council about cigarette butts.

Action – Mr Cheetham to check post for a reply.

Year 5 – reported that the new toilet arrangements and hall passes in the Gopsall Building are a success.

Action – A Year 5 Councillor to report this to Mr Marsh.

Issues raised.

Year 5 – Some children have not received their club letters.

Action – Medina to speak to Miss Patel.

The date of the next meeting was set at 18th May