

# Class Reps Meeting

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Attendees:

Class 1	Angela Smith
Class 2	Bethany Oliver
Class 4	Lucie Whinney, Harriet Roberts-Smith
Class 5	Katie Rushworth
Class 6	Catie Simpson, Corin Allen

Apologies received from Beth Brown, Becky Greenhalgh and Karen Bartlett.

ROM opened the meeting and thanked everyone for making the time to attend.

## **Actions from the Last Meeting:**

### **Reinstate the weekly notes in classes 3 and 4**

ROM asked the representatives from Classes Three and Four to confirm that their weekly note had been reinstated, Class Three confirmed that it had, and Class Four commented that theirs had recently been coming out again, with the addition of a homework book.

### **Address the issue of children rushing through lunch to get out to play.**

ROM addressed concerns from the previous meeting, confirming that for younger children there was a minimum time that they must be in the dining hall eating lunch which is 20 minutes for younger children and 15 minutes for the older ones.

### **Respond to parental concern that children can release the doors and enable others to enter via the green buttons.**

ROM confirmed that the green exit buttons had been moved higher so that younger children cannot access them.

## Class 1

ROM clarified the allocation of TAs in Class One, confirming that an agency TA called Eleanor Teesdale had been in class 1 since term three and would remain with the class until term 5, from term 6 a part-time TA is able to provide cover. ROM explained that the recent TA move was due to 1:1 support moving class with a child and confirmed that there would not be two TA's in Class 1 every day.

As agreed, please find the timetable for TA support in Y1 below:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Jodie Mabbut	Jodie Mabbut	Jodie Mabbut	Bethany Turner	
			(Term 3 – 5) Eleanor Teesdale	(Term 3 – 5) Eleanor Teesdale
			(Term 6) Blossom Tustian	(Term 6) Blossom Tustian

CA asked who the TA in the recent Class 6 photos was, ROM apologised that a formal introduction had not been made via the newsletter and explained that Rachel Wiggins was working in Class 6 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Reception and Class 1 asked for an update on whether Early Birds could start earlier in the morning, ROM responded that we simply would not be able to staff it. ROM acknowledged both that the demand for wrap-around care is increasing and that our wrap-around care provision encourages applications to the school. ROM explained that the school is advertising now for staff to help at before and after school club from September.

ROM moved to discussing the new reception starters, expressing his hope that we would be full and that the ranking to determine school places had taken place, with thirty families making Dr Radcliffe's their first choice. ROM explained that school numbers are critical and that we had already had two pupils join us following the announcement that Carrdus school is due to close at the end of the academic year.

The question was raised of whether we could have a member of staff at the front of the school at the end of the day, to manage traffic and safety as Tim does in the morning and like Des used to do. ROM explained that Tim and Des have slightly different roles which would make this difficult. ROM informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting of the Parish Council and that white lines would be considered for the carpark opposite school, which would improve the parking situation if it were approved.

## Class 2

BO appealed for more volunteers for events and to help the PTA generally, specifically at the upcoming disco. Class Reps agreed to send out the call for help via the WhatsApp groups, but it was agreed that it is the same people helping at everything. BO reminded everyone that £3,399 was committed for a new whiteboard and that new volunteers were needed to continue fundraising at a satisfactory level.

CA asked whether the day for the PTA meetings could be changed, BO replied that they had tried a range of days and that they are on Zoom at 8pm, and yet from the whole school they have ten committed volunteers. BO said that the PTA was open to any ideas on how to promote engagement and get more support, but that currently the disco needed five more volunteers even to be safe. ROM confirmed that a flyer from the PTA could be included with paperwork sent to new Reception parents to promote awareness.

## Class 5

The feeling from Class 5 is that there is too much homework being set, particularly over the February half term and that this had increased since Christmas. ROM queried what was being set and the response was that the children are set 20 mins each of maths and grammar a week, plus spellings and times tables which are set each Monday and tested on Friday. ROM commented that he did not feel that this was too much but that he would speak to Mrs Roberts and confirm what is being set and whether this had increased recently.

The representatives expressed disappointment at the little amount of swimming that had been possible for Class Five this year due to issues with the pool at Bloxham and its temporary closure. ROM confirmed that he had looked at alternative provision but that the quality of the teaching was inferior. ROM also expressed his hope that the number of sessions allocated to the school next year would be greater than the 20 for our four year groups that had been allocated this year, and that the school would budget to increase the number of lessons that could be offered, if at all possible.

### Year 6

It was reported that some parents felt that the pressure regarding the up-coming SATS was increasing, noting the daily 'SATS Countdown' and the amount of practice papers that the children had been attempting, with some feeling that this was leading to a pressurised atmosphere. ROM commented that whilst his view was that the pressure was less here than in other settings he would never seek to dismiss anyone's views on their child's welfare and advised those parents to speak to Mr Fane directly so that their specific concerns could be addressed or particular support put in place for those children as applicable.

A request was made for summer events to be spread out more, especially requesting that the Summer Dance Day and Sports Day to be scheduled for separate weeks in future, to allow working parents a better chance to attend both events. ROM commented that this could be investigated generally for future years, but that Founders Day was a fixed date.

ROM thanked everyone for coming and for their work in bringing these concerns to the meeting.