

# Class Representatives Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Attendees:

Beth Brown  
Katie Rushworth  
Karen Bartlett

Harriet Roberts-Smith  
Catie Simpson

## Apologies:

Becky Greenhalgh  
Judith Kalthoff  
Bethany Oliver

ROM opened the meeting and gave a roundup of the last few weeks of the term. ROM remarked that Summer Dance Day and Sports Day had been well attended and explained that the recent decisions to revise the format had been made on the basis of amber weather warnings and prioritised the safety of adults and children in the extreme heat.

ROM informed everyone that the year 5 cricketers had qualified for the county finals and commended their achievement. ROM confirmed that there would be an orchestra next year and that the Oxfordshire Music Service would find someone to run it at school. ROM let everyone know that Tim Lang would be leaving at the end of the year to move into full retirement. ROM confirmed the addition of sports clubs after school on Mondays and Fridays to be run by Sports for All (S4A), as well as a lunchtime club. ROM advised that details of all September clubs would be sent out before the end of term. ROM confirmed that Charlotte Leach would be returning from Maternity leave part time and that a list of staffing for September would be circulated as soon as this was confirmed.

ROM addressed the issue of the School Budget, noting that it would soon be time to ask for voluntary contributions and that it was key to manage perceptions: School budgets have never been tighter and that where fundraising used to pay for nice extras, it is now increasingly needed for essentials which schools are struggling to fund.

CS commented that the year six parents were grateful for the proactive management of recent events, commenting that both Summer Dance Day and Sports Day worked well with slightly revised formats. ROM responded by thanking the Class Reps for disseminating information quickly via the WhatsApp groups and fielding parental questions. CS suggested fundraising specifically for gazebos as it is likely weather will keep on getting hotter each year.

ROM turned to the agenda and began with issues arising from Class1:

1. Parents were concerned that PE lessons had not been happening and had been replaced by rehearsals for the Summer Dance Day.

ROM responded that dance is a third of the PE curriculum and that the lessons would include a range of different activities over the year.

2. Parents asked whether the timing of events which parents are invited to attend could be reconsidered for future years as it is difficult for many to take time off in two consecutive weeks, also suggesting different days in each week.

ROM responded that there are other school constraints which determine when these events can be held, and that tradition dictates when Summer Dance is held. Founders day is also a set day and also involves the church. Sports Day is in National Sports Week.

3. Parents would like more information about what is happening on each day of the Sports Carousel.

ROM commented on the need for classes to have flexibility in what they offered and when, but agreed that next year a schedule could be provided as long as it was understood that this would be potentially subject to change.

4. Class 1 one would like to have information regarding which clubs are available to the children next year.

ROM agreed that a schedule of clubs would be released before the end of term but commented that many were only suitable for older children.

## **Class 2**

1. Parents asked if planned after-school clubs could be announced before the end of this term to help parents plan for September, if possible.

ROM agreed.

## **Class 3**

1. Parents queried why there had not been a trip this year.

ROM replied that he would ask staff in year 4 to prioritise trips early in the year, noting that planning for trips may have been difficult due to the change of staffing mid-year and the subsequent job share.

2. Parents commented that communication about homework and class events has been challenging, with messages relayed via the children and confusion ensuing.

ROM responded that communication should be via email or the usual avenues and to parents.

3. Parents are concerned that losing lunchtime isn't an appropriate consequence as children need to burn off steam.

ROM responded that sometimes the consequence for poor behaviour isn't to miss lunch time but that if a child is sent to see him this will happen during lunchtime so that lesson time is not missed, with the result that then some playtime is missed. ROM also commented that

options to motivate children to modify their behaviour are somewhat limited, and that for some children missing out on playtime can be very motivating.

#### Class 4

No Items

#### Class 5

1. Parents requested an update on swimming

VB updated the representatives and explained that more sessions would be booked for the next year, but that the recent closure of the pool for remedial works could not have been foreseen. Year 5 would receive the greatest number of sessions, hopefully starting in September. ROM commented that he had asked other heads and that the provisions at Bloxham was felt to be the best, so that the school would seek to keep lessons there if they could.

2. Parents were concerned that clubs had been cancelled with short notice, leaving parents little time to make alternative arrangements.

ROM apologised and said that we would make a call on clubs by midday. ROM also asked the representatives to reassure parents that we would always keep children at school in the event that they are not collected.

CA requested that the children be allowed to wear PE kit for the remainder of term due to the heat. ROM agreed.

CA queried whether the school should look to fundraise for some air-conditioning units for classrooms. ROM replied that it was too soon and that should we experience 2-3 years of these high temperatures we could look at various solutions, but that there are consequences of using these units both for the environment and children with asthma.

ROM thanked the representatives for their time and commitment to the school, and for fielding so many parental queries recently. ROM wished everyone a good Summer and expressed that he was looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year, as well as seeing some new faces as representatives were replaced in some classes.

Next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9AM.