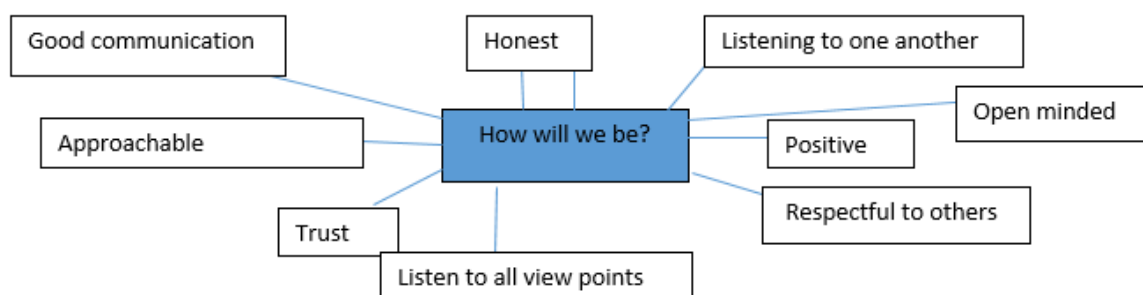


Minutes of Class Reps Meeting

Thursday 22nd September 2026 at 2pm

Attendees:				Phil Tree , Headteacher	
				Anais Stone, Minute Taker	
	Liz Martinez	Foxes			
	Joanna Wood	Fiji			
	Linzi King Daniels	Poland			
	Sarah Coke	Italy			
	Hannah Davies	Ethiopia			
	Zoe Chalmers	Morocco			
	Helen McShee	Brazil			
	Shelly Begum	Japan			



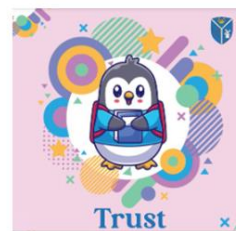
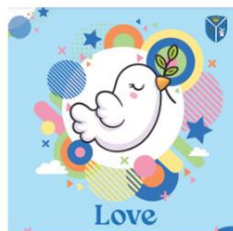
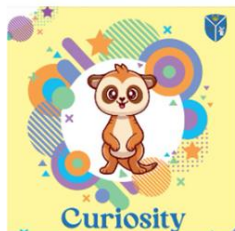
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WELCOME BACK

Mr Tree thanked everyone for attending the first Parent Rep meeting of the year. A warm welcome was given to our new Parent Reps. Mr Tree informed all he looked forward to working together, building positive relationships between parents and the school, and ultimately helping to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children. He thanked all for giving up their time and supporting the school.

SUCCESES





Sarah – Italy Class: The class has been quiet and settled. The children seem happy and everyone likes Miss Page. Overall, the children appear to have settled in well.

Zoe – Morocco Class: The class is settling in well. The reading dog has been a great idea and has been well received.

Joanne – Fiji Class: The class is settling in well, and Miss Thorne seems to be a great teacher.

Helen – Brazil Class & FOBS: The transition has gone really well. The mix of Year 4 and Year 5 children seems to be working well, and the children are happy. It has been a really positive start. Mrs Miskin and Mrs Saunders have been great with communication.

Shelly – Japan Class: The class is running smoothly, and the lunches seem to be much better too.

Hannah – Ethiopia Class: Parents are happy with the communication, and the class seems to have settled in well.

Linzi – Poland Class: Her son is loving being the lunchbox monitor and thinks it is a great idea.

Liz – Foxes Class: The new parents seem happy and have settled in well.

EXPECTATIONS OF CLASS REP ROLE

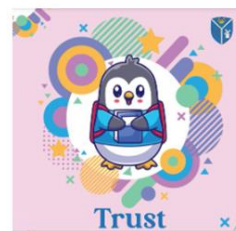
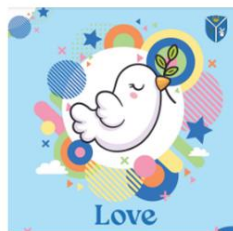
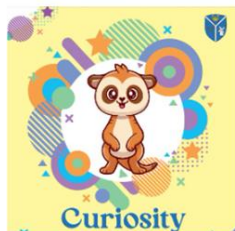
Mr Tree shared the Parent Rep job description with all Parent Reps. Teachers will be emailed the details of their class representative so that they can make contact and begin building a positive relationship.

Parent Reps can act as a point of contact between the class teacher and parents. If there are any class queries, updates or changes that need to be communicated, teachers can contact the Parent Rep to help share the information with parents.

SHARING LEARNING

ClassDojo will remain the main platform for communication, with a focus on consistency between classes in how it is used and the information shared with parents. We also want to give parents more opportunities to understand what their children are learning, including current topics and learning opportunities. In the past, the school has organised parent workshops around areas such as phonics, maths and multiplication, but unfortunately attendance has been quite low. The school is therefore looking at different ways to engage more parents.

With this in mind, we will be starting weekly Reception Stay and Play sessions at 2:50pm, where parents will be invited into the classroom to see what the children have been learning and share some of their experiences.



We will also be trialling a Year 4/5 Showcase of Learning, where parents can come into the classroom shortly before pick-up to see and celebrate their children's work. Parent reps liked the idea of parents coming into classrooms more regularly, as they felt this would be a more personal, engaging and interesting way for parents to see what their children are doing. It also gives children the opportunity to share their learning directly with their parents, and children can help promote the sessions by reminding their parents and encouraging them to attend.

TRIPS

The school recognises that trips and experiences are extremely important for children and aims to provide at least one trip or experience each term. The Year 6 residential has historically been a five-day, four-night trip costing around £500 per child. Mr Tree asked the Parent Reps for their views on reducing the residential to 2–3 nights to make it more affordable for families, while still ensuring children have the opportunity to enjoy the experience. Other schools in the local area are also making similar changes.

Parent Reps felt that parents would be supportive if the change was clearly explained, particularly as reducing the number of nights would make the trip more affordable and could help ensure that every child who wants to attend is able to do so. Parent Reps also suggested exploring fundraising opportunities to see whether additional funding could be raised towards the cost of the residential.

SWIMMING

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum, and Year 3 will again be attending swimming lessons at Horley Leisure Centre this year. A Parent Rep asked whether children can opt out. Mr Tree confirmed that they can, but only if they are able to swim 25 metres. A Parent Rep also asked whether the swimming contribution is voluntary, and Mr Tree confirmed that it is.

FOBS

You may notice that FOBS is becoming more visible around school, with posters advertising activities and events such as the uniform sale, car boot sale and other upcoming events. A new FOBS website is also coming soon.

There will be increased involvement from school staff, with Mr West now becoming a trustee and Mrs Brown also part of FOBS. There are lots of exciting events coming up, including a Readathon, which links closely with the school's priority of developing a love of reading. All children will receive a goodie bag as part of the Readathon.

