



Reculver C.E. Primary School

Parent Council Newsletter **October 2014**

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Dear All,

This is our second year running as Parent Council and we have had our first meeting of the year where we elected a new Chair – Mette Mewett. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Chair – Brian Edmundson for his involvement. We also discussed the cost and quality of school dinners for Early Years and Lower School. Mr Fox and Mrs Ashley-Jones have been monitoring the quality and quantity of the school dinners closely to ensure that you get value for money. For your information in addition to the main meal, there is a daily salad bar, freshly baked bread and fresh fruit. Also Mr Fox has invited the Parent Council to come and experience the school dinners with the children.

Please note the full minutes can be found on the School website.

Any comments or suggestions are gratefully received as we are working on your behalf and find that what is an issue for one parent is often an issue for other parents. The next Parent Council meeting is Friday 28th November 2014.

You can contact us via our email address parents.council@reculver.school.co.uk or by talking to any of your representatives directly.

Reception	Sharon Burford
Year 1	No current representatives
Year 2	Dr Rus Leelaratne, Hannah Gaskain
Year 3	Sharon Elliott
Year 4	Gemma Robbens, Emma Phillips
Year 5	Laura Castle, Sam Hutchins
Year 6	Natalia Harrison
Chair	Mette Mewett

From the list above you can see that we still require representatives from Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. Also if anyone from any other year groups would like to be involved in the Parent Council, please contact us via email or the school office. The Council meets on a Friday afternoon once every half term.

Update of issues already raised via the Parent Council

After School Clubs

During the past couple of weeks the children have been asked to speak to club leaders in order to obtain forms for the clubs running this year.

However, if there is anyone out there that would like to assist / run a school club then please contact us via our email and we will get the ball rolling. It doesn't have to be a specific skill it can be something as simple as running a Lego construction club!

Homework

Homework is work in progress and discussions are still taking place to get the best system for all year groups. We have been made aware by yourselves that homework varies from year group to year group. Any comments you have regarding the current system or ideas for improvement would be gratefully received. The school would also like to set up a working party to look at this matter. Please email or contact the school if you would like to be involved.

Parent Helpers in Class

The children and teachers really benefit from parent helpers. You can volunteer to help in any class or year group regardless of whether you have a child in the class or not. We have an abundance of 'mums' who volunteer their time to help with readers. Mr Fox has indicated that it would be beneficial for children to have some 'male' helpers. Please talk to the class teacher to express your interest and contact the school office as a CRB check will need to be obtained.

Channels of Communication

Please remember that your first point of contact for queries regarding your individual child/children is their class teacher.

All the minutes of our meetings are on the school website.

For your information our future meeting dates are:

28th November 2014

23rd January 2015

20th March 2015

8th May 2015

26th June 2015