

# Rosecroft Primary School Parent Forum



## Minutes

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

1.30 – 3.00

**Present:** Susan Leske, Susan Wilson, Kayleigh Elvin, Helen Potter, Helen Thomas (minutes) and Deborah Saksen

### 1. Approval of minutes

DS still looking into the possibility of gymnastic classes for boys.

Minutes agreed.

### 2. Review of the autumn term

DS went through all the things which have happened at school since September. The opening of Rosebuds, the nursery, has been very successful with new children joining each half term. Those who have a school dinner have started to come over to the main school to eat which the children are loving.

OFSTED report was overall good and the school were happy with this at the time. Extremely close to being considered outstanding, but that would have meant additional inspection and it was a relief not to have to go through that.

Flu Vaccines were administered. Year 2 had a successful trip to Cromer – timing was perfect as they got to see the BBC recording for the Christmas trailers on the pier.

Feedback so far on the new photographer used for the school photos has been good.

Parents / Carers seem happy with the choice of packages available as well as the quality.

The company who came in to perform Oliver Twist will be returning and this time staying on to run a workshop afterwards.

Children in Need pyjama day was another success. Parents of older pupils have requested if next year they can do something different to the younger pupils, if at all possible.

The visit from the puppet theatre 'Widdershins' was a great success again.

It was the first time all the pupils could sit and have their Christmas lunch all together. Didn't quite get to plan as there turned out to be not enough cutlery.

Rosebuds held a Christmas sing-a-long but unfortunately the event at Peter Beales was cancelled. There was a lot of disappointment amongst the children and efforts are being made to continue the choir and hopefully get involved with other future community events throughout the year.

### 3. Spring terms events

KS2 have started a tuck shop, offering fruit and vegetables at break time. It was the pupils idea, they submitted a business plan to LW and school council posted adverts around the

school for jobs / roles. Interviews were held and those successful are now helping to run the tuck shop effectively. Any profits made will be used to re-vamp the swale area – ideas include a quiet area, fitness equipment and a growing area.

Mini Monsters will be visiting for years three.

The school will be celebrating World Mental Day next Monday. This is being led by one of our year four teachers, who is our mental health champion. Various activities are planned for pupils and staff alike.

The Norfolk Family Learning Team are looking to deliver courses for adults using the school as a base. A coffee morning has been set up for next week for those parents / carers interested and a list of future courses will be shared.

A martial arts group is visiting the school on February 4th to carry out a demonstration. If there is enough interest an after school club will start on a Monday, hopefully followed by a lunch time club but this is still to be confirmed.

The school have had a successful time at the cross country competitions. Unfortunately, this seems to have been overshadowed by the lack of communication given to parents regarding arrangements. DS said she will discuss with RL.

Plenty is planned for World Book Day on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This will include a reading café for parents and also a book swap.

Holt Hall Residential trip has had a good take up and a meeting is planned for parents in March.

Year 2 and 3 pupils will receive a full report at the end of the Spring Term. Years R, 1 and 4 will all be receiving letters regarding teacher meetings.

#### **4. Sex and relationships education**

This is a small part of the curriculum, with a lot of science included within the programme. Most discussions with pupils will be left until the Summer term, but there must be a very good reason as to why a pupil cannot take part.

#### **5. FORPS**

A disco for years 3 and 4 is to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **6. Any other business**

**SW** – had heard German lessons were due to start being taught. Although there was lots of support to the children learning a new language, it was asked, if not already done so, could consideration be given to Spanish being taught rather than German. DS confirmed a lot of background work had been carried out, secondary school had been consulted, who would be able to teach the language and at what cost to the school.

German had been decided as the chosen language as more than one member of current staff speaks German and would be comfortable enough to teach the children. DS listened to and took on the points raised as to why it was felt Spanish would be a better option. She said she would discuss with LW and advise further.

**SL** – request for house points totals to be listed on newsletters.

**HP** – Group letter is much better and far more helpful than the over-arching one previously issued.

**DS** – we are in the process of obtaining a school minibus. It will be a 17 seater with a tail lift, in silver with the school logo. Governors have agreed the purchase and will be used for swimming lessons/ sailing courses at Whitlingham etc.... It will be big enough for half a class and two teachers to travel at any one time.

Swimming classes have been arranged with Aquanimals for the summer term – groups will be taken in the minibus.

Drumming lessons are being arranged to take place for those KS2 pupils who are interested, during the summer term. Expressions of interest letters will be sent out nearer the time.

The school field is due to be dug up over Easter and re-laid again in time for September. Although the job is in need of doing, it will mean there won't be a sports day event this year. The school is working with highways with regards to the parking issues along the man road. It has been agreed that yellow lines will be painted and a low level fence will be installed along the verges.

LW is currently helping out at Great Hockham school two days a week until Easter, when they should hopefully have a new head teacher in post. KS is currently on long term sick – the two deputy nursery managers are covering Rosebuds and EW has YR covered.

**6.Date of next meeting : Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**