

**Agenda with Minutes
Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council**

Meeting Date: Wednesday 12th February 2025 **Time:** 9.00am
Venue: Hamstel Infant School and Nursery

Name	Class	Present
(VT) Vicki Tracy	Chair – Vice Principal	/
(SR) Scott Roche	Principal	
PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:		
Josie Barnes	Seahorse	
Louise Holborough		/
Helen Bennett	Starfish	
	Owl	
Emily Makombe	Woodpecker	/
Michelle Hurrell		
	Kingfisher	
	Peacock	
Hannah Halliday	Dragonfly	
Jade Herald	Dragonfly	
Louise Holborough	Duck	/
	Heron	
Melba Whipps	Newt	
Mr Matthew Driscoll	Otter	/
Louise Holborough	Fox	/
	Hedgehog	
Mrs Pauline Webster	Squirrel	/
	Badger	

Apologies:	
Actions from last meeting:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share minutes with staff and SLT 	
AGENDA	
1) Chicks	<p>Chicks were a huge success across the school, the children absolutely loved having the chicks in school, meeting them and observing through the chick cam.</p> <p>Thank you to those parents who contributed and allowed this to happen.</p> <p>40% of parents sent payments in the chicks out of the whole school!</p> <p>Sending out an additional reminder with the Media Team's news report.</p>
2) Online Safety / Wake-Up Wednesday	<p>Have you heard of it? Do you know what Wake up Wednesday is? No never heard of it.</p> <p>This is normally in the middle or towards the end of the newsletter, we are thinking of trialing sending out on a Wednesday. We would like to make it more prominent and obvious to parents and carers, as we believe this information is getting lost within the newsletter.</p> <p>How often? Fortnightly</p> <p>What kind of things would you want to gain from it?</p> <p>Workshops? Just parents – can be poorly attended – do you think it would work better if you worked with the children on something? Yes, having some workshops that involve the children as well would be useful.</p> <p>Would it be useful to have information and support at parent / celebration evenings? Yes.</p> <p>The font is quite small when looking on your phone, the poster looks like one of the community adverts so it is easily missed. Didn't realise there were video links as well. PDF version of online safety – highlight links to the videos etc.</p>

<p>3) Newsletter shake up!</p>	<p>We are exploring some thoughts around giving this a shake up every so often to bring other elements of the newsletter that are missed to the forefront. We would like our newsletter to provide what the parents want in a friendly way.</p> <p>What do you want? / Don't want? General consensus is parents read Mr Roche's whole school news and then scroll to relevant year group news for their child, may look at other key dates, menu etc.</p> <p>Can you tab the year groups?</p> <p>Could diary dates limited to term rather whole year? It's too much and just adds to the length.</p> <p>Letters home to all the school nearer the top.</p> <p>A page format would be nice.</p> <p>Parents don't feel they need reminders of PE days as they don't change and once in a routine in September they know them.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning / workshops just reminders with the year group not a whole section.</p> <p>Idea proposal: Coming up in this week's newsletter... signposting key links, articles to make people go to the big highlights or the items you want to read. Good idea similar to the Juniors.</p> <p>Parents like the look of the newsletter, friendly and informal.</p>
<p>4) Spring term upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr1 Reading Rocks Day – being postponed • Wk Beg 3rd March: Book Week will include a story teller, dressing up on the 6th • Yr1 Library visits • Tuesday 11th March: Science Workshops • Class Photos Wed 2nd April • Yr1 Spring show Tues 1st Wed 2nd April - postponed • Nursery Easter Crafts with parents Tues 1st • Fri 4th April – Yr2 Banquet 	<p>Shared some of the key events.</p> <p>Book Week letter to go out by the end of this week</p> <p>Storyteller – there will be a cost to this</p> <p>Science Day – there will be a cost to this</p> <p>Could we contact companies for loan of marquee / chairs as idea to help with any events?</p> <p>Easter celebration for Year 1 – school disco – Could we use any local Church halls?</p>
<p>AOB Raised by Parent Forum:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Learning: my child in Year 1 said that they have only been able to go into parts of the outdoor learning area and for a shorter time during the sessions in December and January (due to animal holes I think) and then said that they didn't do any activities for their outdoor learning session last week. Is there any feedback on when the area be will back in action/when they will be able to have sessions as they used to? – We do have a huge Badger set who have created many holes and we have had to corner off this area. We are in touch with Nature England and exploring the correct steps that we could put in place to try and possibly rehome the badgers. Unfortunately it is breeding season at the moment so we are unable to do anything for a couple of months. It is also quite slippy out there at the moment so parts have been out of bounds and we have had to use other outside areas. The weather was hail and heavy showers last week, so the Year1 children did only get some pockets of time. • Message from a parent – query on school policy for children who are off school • Handwashing – sickness bug in a family – raising hygiene – ask to wash hands before lunch • Library visit – no Rainbow Magic books! – VT: We do have some of these books but donations of books for the school are always welcome! • Year 2 Church visit – Rev shared story about the creation – not 'phrased as in some people believe' • After School Club – is there a possibility for a discount for siblings? • World Book Day – when will we get info? – This will be shared before we break up. • Year 2's wait to collect siblings in the Secret Garden– quite a lot of things that children can trip over / fall over • Photos of what they doing in class, could these be shared? – We discussed that it something we can discuss as a school and sometimes teachers may be able to upload something on the Dojo platform but it would challenging and overwhelming for staff to be taking photos of each child and uploading. 	
<p>Actions:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share minutes with staff and SLT <p>Actions carried over: None</p>	
<p>Date of next meetings: Wednesday 26th March 2025</p>	

Wednesday 21st May 2025
Wednesday 9th July 2025