

21<sup>st</sup> January 2015

To Year 1 Parents

The Parent Council would like to update Year 1 parents about its activities and invite you to suggest ideas for the upcoming meeting. We don't have a Year 1 Parent Council Rep at the moment so would like to encourage any parent to volunteer to represent this year group.

The Parent Council is a way to encourage more parental involvement in school life; a way to gather parental views; an opportunity to ask questions and receive information from school on specific issues raised by parents and a way to promote community links.

Our Parent Council was set up in the summer of 2014 and we have worked with the school to:

- investigate parking issues with residents,
- look into re-establishing the walking bus,
- distribute a questionnaire on parental skills that could be used in the curriculum,
- arrange a meeting with reception parents on reading and writing. (A Maths meeting is planned for Term 4)

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February and below are some proposed agenda items, but for the Parent Council to properly represent Year 1 parents it would be great to receive ideas from you. So if there are any burning issues or good ideas you have, please contact Sarah Guest (Chair of Parent Council) or come along to the meeting.

Suggested agenda items:

- How the school develops the children's community skills through fundraising and in-school responsibilities.
- Organisation of lunchtimes.
- Parent support for after school activities.
- Ways of Parent Council and PTA supporting each other's work for the benefit of school.

If you have views on any of the above, other agenda ideas or would like to discuss volunteering as the Year 1 Rep, please contact Sarah Guest at: [sarah776655@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah776655@yahoo.co.uk) or [parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sarah Guest  
Chair of Parent Council

Meetings are open to all parents and are held once a term.  
For further information or suggestions for the agenda, please email [parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk)