

21<sup>st</sup> January 2015

To Reception Parents

As we're now settling into term 3, I would like to reintroduce myself as the Parent Council representative for Reception parents and want to update you on Parent Council activities and invite you to suggest ideas for the upcoming meeting.

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 5th February (7pm for coffee, 7:30pm start to 8:30pm at the school) and below are some proposed agenda items, but for the Parent Council to properly represent Reception parents it would be great to receive ideas from you. So if there are any burning issues or good ideas you have, please contact me 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 or questions on any of the above or other suggestions, you can contact me on [jo@therowbothams.net](mailto:jo@therowbothams.net) or grab me in the playground. Also if you want to be kept updated please send me your email details.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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Reception Parent Council Rep

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)