



St Margaret's CEVAP School

School Council

Classes represented at the meeting

Penguins	Puffins
Lions	Tigers
Giraffes	Zebras
Seahorses	Sea Turtles
Jellyfish	Starfish
Dolphins	Stingrays
Sharks	Whales

Date of meeting	13.4.26
Led by	Mr Gates

Actions from the previous meeting:

Most reps had spoken to their class about the issues raised in the previous meeting.

- The idea of a mixed age afternoon was popular with many pupils, and some classes had trialled a reading-based activity on World Book Day. Mr Gates will organise a craft-based activity afternoon before the end of the summer term.
- The cutlery has been clean and the children were very positive about the Aspens offering at lunchtime today.
- Some class teachers have been clearer with expectations about using the toilet, although some reps still report many children using the toilet during lessons.
- Miss Ross and Mr Newson are planning to update the outdoor equipment. There was discussion again about the importance of looking after new equipment, putting it away properly and ensuring it doesn't get lost over the fence.

Action: A mixed age afternoon will take place in the second half of the summer term.

Football

Most classes had discussed football at lunchtimes and many of the same points were made as during the previous meeting. Some classes want to ban football completely, some want a rota and everyone was still very keen to have a school football team for boys and another for girls.

After much debate, it was agreed to trial a rota for the rest of this half term and see if behaviour improves. It was acknowledged that not everyone will like the change, but it is important to try something different and see if it works.

EFYS & KS1 Football on the astro turf

Monday	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Reception
Thursday	Year 2
Friday	Year 1

Key Stage 2 Football on the playground

Monday	Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	Years 3 & 4
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6
Thursday	Years 3 & 4
Friday	Years 5 & 6

Bean bags, tennis rackets, skipping ropes etc will be provided for other pupils but there should only be **one football match played in each area** as stated above. Children playing football with other equipment could be banned from playing when it is their turn. We will review this at the next meeting to see how it is going.

Actions:

- ✓ Mr Gates will display the rota on the playground and inform MDSAs of the changes
- ✓ Mr Gates will explain the system in assembly on 14.4.26
- ✓ Class teachers will remind pupils about expectations before they go to lunch

Other ideas

Discussion about football took considerable time, but reps also wanted the following points to be noted...

- ✓ Some children wanted to be allowed fidget toys in school. Others pointed out that they were only needed by certain pupils with specific needs and would be a distraction to others.
- ✓ Some of the older reps felt pupils should be reminded to behave the same for supply teachers as they do for their usual class teacher. Sometimes pupils push boundaries and can be silly.
- ✓ Pupils dislike the mixed toilet area upstairs, although Mr Gates pointed out that the cubicles are fully enclosed and private. The children prefer the single sex toilets used by EYFS / KS1 and Year 6. Some of the locks need fixing on the toilet doors.
- ✓ The hall floor can sometimes be a bit messy when the children sit down for assembly. Mr Gates explained that Mr Hicks cleans it regularly, but if the weather is bad it can get dirty quickly.
- ✓ The older children would like seconds at the end of lunch time instead of food being wasted.
- ✓ KS2 children would like to bring in snacks for afternoon breaks.
- ✓ One child was keen on having an after-school Running Club.

Actions:

- ✓ Mr Hicks (caretaker) to check the toilet locks upstairs.
- ✓ Pupils to be reminded to wipe their feet when entering school, especially the choir and orchestra who enter the hall first thing via the fire exit.
- ✓ Mr Gates will explore the possibility of giving out seconds at the end of lunch time.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 1.20pm

Focus on reviewing football provision and planning the mixed age afternoon.