



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	18.5.26
Led by	Mr Gates

Actions from the previous meeting:

- The football rota is in place and has met with some success. It took a while for the children to get used to the change of system. However, there are still problems with children playing football when it is not their turn. Much of the new equipment which was purchased has also been lost or hidden in classrooms.
- The caretaker has ordered the parts needed to fix the locks on the toilet doors.
- Children seem to be making an effort to wipe their feet and keep the hall floor clean. The drier weather has reduced the amount of mud and dirt brought into school.
- The new catering company Aspens cooks food to order, so there is not the scope to give out second helpings at the end of lunch time. This has helped reduced food waste.

Mixed Age Afternoon

- Towards the end of next half term classes will be mixed for an hour. eg. Year 3 paired with Year 6
- The children will work in pairs to design a 'Well Done' postcard that staff can give out to celebrate pupils' achievements.
- The best three designs will be professionally printed and used throughout the school and a display created in the hall.
- School Council agreed upon what the children should be given as prizes if they win.
- If this trial event is successful, it could be repeated and extended next year.

Christian Values

We talked about the 12 Christian values that underpin our school ethos and Collective Worship.

Following a vote, it was decided that **Courage, Trust and Truthfulness** will be our key values next year.



Road Safety

A Year 3 pupil, IQS, had written a letter to the School Council about road safety and she was invited to share her views at this meeting. Mr Gates read out her letter and she expanded upon her thoughts. IQS is worried about how busy Bolton Lane can be and had heard about a child in Woodbridge who was injured in a traffic incident.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the School Council will write a letter to Ipswich Council requesting the following...

- ✓ Consider putting a speed camera on Bolton Lane
- ✓ Renew or clean the '20s Plenty' signage
- ✓ Provide a lollipop man / woman
- ✓ In the long term, consider moving the crossing further down the road

All members of the School Council would like to sign the letter before it is sent.

Action: letter to be sent to Ipswich Council

Other points

- The children are still keen to hear about the likelihood of reintroducing school football teams.
- More clubs would be welcomed.
Would any TAs be interested in running an afterschool club for crafting, chess, drawing?

Next meeting

Monday 15th June 2026 at 1.20pm

Focus: Mixed age afternoons. End of year transition