



Staff Present	Parents Present
Mrs Caroline Musty	Bryher Grimes, Penny Norrie, Lisa Peill
Mrs Christine Hainsworth (Governor)	
Mrs Amanda Jessop	

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions • Items for Discussion: <p>-SEND -School Funding -questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Rodmarton School News and Events • AOB • Date and time of next meeting

Agenda item	Comments	Actions
1	Welcome Mrs Musty welcomed everyone	-----
2	SEND Dr Hainsworth (CH) led a presentation on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). She explained that she is the link governor for SEND and has held many roles working with children with SEND including SEND lead, advisory teacher, head of centre in forces schools. SEND can be described as a having a need that cannot be met through the provision given to all pupils. CH shared information about provision for SEND in schools. Schools use a graduated approach to identifying SEND. When a child starts school, no assumptions are made. Teachers have a responsibility to teach every child like any other child. In order to learn, people need to feel safe in their environment. Sometimes children need longer to settle in rather than they having a need. The school should do everything they can to meet everyone's needs whatever their ability- schools cannot discriminate against any child. When children have a specific educational need, parents should be involved in drawing up a 'My Plan' which sets out goals and support required to help the child. A My Plan+ involves outside services/ agencies. Children with significant needs may have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).	-----

	<p>CH explains that schools reason a small amount of funding into their budget to support SEND. The national picture is that resources for all schools is stretched and outside support is dwindling.</p> <p>CH explained that at Rodmarton School, teachers really know their children SEND is picked up quickly and measures are put in place. Everyone is known.</p> <p>Our school SENDco is Mrs Makin. Her position will be covered by another member of staff whilst she is on maternity leave.</p>	
3.	<p>School Funding</p> <p>CM explained that the national funding picture has not changed. Phil Haslett is the Local Authority's Lead Commissioner for Education Strategy and Development - leading on school funding, including the High Needs. At a recent Head teachers and Chairs of Governors meeting, Phil shared his recognition that with the low levels of funding, schools are in a challenging situation. He believes the solution lies in schools and parents petitioning their local MP on this issue. It was agreed that parents may want to ask the local MP for an explanation of why Rodmarton is heavily capped compared to other schools of a similar size. CM distributed the template letter that parents can use to write to their Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP.</p> <p>Copies of this letter are also in the reception area of the school office.</p>	Parents to write to local MP re: school funding crisis
4.	<p>Development of the School Library</p> <p>The library has been reorganised and there has been a large cull of books. Mrs Jessop (AJ) has created a wish list. She is going to tidy up and clean the library. It was agreed to suggest that parents could fund a book for the library- a bookplate would be put in the book. AJ, in collaboration with the Friends is putting together a bid to the Foyle Foundation for funding for the library. AJ is bidding for a canopy and outside seating area and funding to open a community library. It was agreed that there could be a grand opening of the library and local dignitaries could be asked to attend.</p> <p>Thank you to Mrs Jessop, Miss Withey and all parents who have helped with the refurbishment- it is looking fantastic!</p>	<p>Final tidy up to be organised</p> <p>Parents to consider local people who could support funding the library/ open the library.</p>
6.	<p>Friends of Rodmarton News</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the quiz night. It was a lovely evening and great to have staff, parents and members of the local community coming together. A special thankyou to Ros and Alex Bransby for putting together the quiz. It was agreed to repeat the quiz night early in October. Date to follow.</p> <p>Forthcoming events:</p> <p>The woosack Races</p> <p>This takes place on Monday 27th May on Gumstool Hill Tetbury. Mrs Thorogood has organised a team of racers and will supervise them on the day. The school will also have a stall on the day. This will be a human fruit machine and we need children/ parents/ staff to help run this.</p> <p>The Big Summer Lunch- Saturday 13th July. This will include an invitation to the families of our new Reception cohort.</p> <p><u>Other Events to be Confirmed:</u></p> <p>-Watermelon Wednesdays -Oak Class Cupcake Friday</p> <p>CM passed on her thanks to the Friends for all of their support and</p>	<p>If any parents or children can offer their time to help run the human fruit machine, please let Mrs Sharp know.</p>

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	hard work.	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>AJ suggested that a parent noticeboard in the playground would be a good idea as a reminder to parents of weekly events taking place.</p> <p>CM suggested that a Friday morning after drop off may be a good option for the next meeting- all agreed.</p>	CM to organise parent noticeboard
<i>Next meeting Friday 28th June @ 9am Village Hall</i>		

