



School Council Agenda – 22/11/22 – MINUTES

Present at the meeting: Riley, Imogen, Ethan, James, Romilly, Tamzin Sophia, Georgina and George.

Absent: Tor and Betty

1. Opening prayer: - **The children observed the prayer respectfully**

Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Amen.

2. Welcome: What is the school council? – **Mr Shillito explained what the school council was and how it worked. He also explained how agendas and minutes worked.**

At Stapleford Primary school, we respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. We ensure the views and opinions of our pupils are expressed and heard. At the beginning of the academic year, the children elect school council members from each year group. All pupils are invited to stand as School Council representatives and are voted for fairly and democratically by their peers. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are then voted for by the elected members of the School Council.

The School Council meets every month to discuss issues raised by the children and ideas to help improve our school even further. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary also attend Governing Body meetings throughout the year, to review school improvements and identify areas to develop further in the coming year. We believe our School Council are very effective in helping bring about positive changes in the life of our school.

If pupils have any ideas or suggestions to help improve our school, they are encouraged to raise these with the school council representatives in their class who will bring the suggestions to the next school council meeting.

3. Introductions from all new School Councillors – **Each School Council Representative introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of the reason that they wanted to become a member of the school council.**
4. Roles and Responsibilities – **The children voted for each of the roles below. This was led by Mr Shillito and was completed discretely and sensitively. The results were accepted well by the children and congratulations were offered to the elected school council members.**
 - i) Election of Chair, - **Imogen was elected**
 - ii) Vice Chair – **Riley and Ethan were elected**
 - iii) Secretary – **James was elected**

5. School Council Action Plan – What are our key priorities? – the children came up with many suggestions for priorities to tackle through the school council action plan. We will refine these ideas and put them into an action plan before the next meeting. Suggestions included:
 - i) The purchase of new equipment e.g. footballs, stationery, slides
 - ii) Raise money for the school e.g. cake sale, night hike, night forest school.
 - iii) Raise money for a local charity
 - iv) More school trips
 - v) More clubs e.g. basketball, French, Science
6. AOB
7. Date of next meeting – 1:00pm Tuesday 13th December 2022