



## **KEMSLEY PARENT VOICE (KPV)**

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Minutes of the Kemsley Parent Voice meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Present : Ali Crayford, Suzanne May, Lynne Roe

We opened the meeting talking about how we could encourage more parents to attend the KPV meeting. Ali will be starting to use the school blog which has a direct link to the school Facebook page so hopefully she will be able to put information about the KPV on there.

We have also agreed to try and get the message out in the playground.

Ali will possibly be distributing these minutes so that parents can see what is being discussed.

Following Tanya Cursons visit to the KPV meeting last year promoting the Kemsley Youth House LR has been sending her children to the Youth Club held there on a Monday evening from 4-5:30pm.

The club is well attended by children up to the age of 11 and lots of activities are on offer : Painting / playdough / hammer beads / film nights / afternoon tea's / computers / board games / outdoor play in warmer weather and the children are provided with a light snack - All for 50p !!

However, LR is a little concerned about the drop in ratio of helpers to children since one helper doesn't seem to have been there since Christmas, she is going to enquire and will report back her findings.

Ali has received a flyer for Activities taking place at New House Chalkwell Road.

Mondays - Youth club aged 13 - 19 from 6:30-8:45pm.

Wednesdays - Friends club - Young people with additional needs

Friday - Duke of Edinburgh 14+ from 4:30-6pm from 6:30 - 08:45pm

Thursdays - Youth club - aged 11-14 from 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday - Drop in - aged 11-19

They also hold basketball and tennis clubs, spotlites Drama school are there Saturday mornings and they also hold the Jimmy Centre for ADHD for children 5-11 and Woodcombe Youth girls football club train there.

Tea and Coffee - Was it sold at Christmas performances? We believe it was on the first performance but none of the others.

Did we charge for tickets as a way of raising money for the school? no

Tough Mudder - Already booked for this year.

Workshops - Ali intends to do some workshops - SM would like something related to cookery that could include both parents and children.

Holiday Club - Currently being looked at whether it's cost effective. There may be ways around this.

LR is enthusiastic about the club and has sent her children in the past and they love it.

SM has offered to volunteer at the club as she is already CRB checked at the school.

Express events - Fantastic (in most classes).

Lovely opportunity to see what our children are doing in school.

Only issue is not all sessions are as prepared as they could be. One event the child was given a colouring in sheet to colour in, none of the pens were working and the children just sat there talking between themselves.

The children were encouraged to try and get other pens from different tables but they didn't work either.

And as parents who like to come to all sessions, we felt it was quite difficult for parents to take time off work to attend sessions if they have more than 1 child in school as the events are always in the last week over a number of days (fair enough because this is when projects are coming to an end) but now the 'need to know event' is being held in the same week. Perhaps if this was moved to mid-term more parents would be able to attend. This may possibly be the reason for low uptake.

Netball - Yes happening both as a club and in PE.

7 Habits - Ali spoke about the '7 habits' the children are learning about at school which is based around Mr Men.

The whole school are using the method and each term they focus on a new habit.

Marvellous Me - Fantastic. All were in agreement this is working really well.

Some teachers appear to be using the app to its full potential to update parents and other's not so much.

We spoke about how brilliant Kemsley is and this term Yr 6 are working to the same level in Art as a Grammar school in Sittingbourne, they are studying the same artists at the same level of knowledge.

All were in agreement that Mr Hadfield is fantastic and is perfect for the school. It is very impressive what he has brought to the school.

Next meeting : 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am.