



HMS Heroes

Catterick Garrison Branch Meeting

20th January 2015

HMS Heroes Base

Attendees:

Le Cateau Primary School	Robbie
	Kerry
The Michael Syddall School	Faith
	Maizie
	Bethany
	Ms Morrison
Wavell Community Junior School	Nathan
	Chloe
	Mrs Garbutt
Hipswell C of E Primary School	Bobbi
	Samuel
	Miss Clements
Brompton on Swale Primary School	Evelyn
	Alfie
	Ms Webber
Service Pupils' Champion	Nickie Young

Apologies:

Chair: Alfie

Secretary: Chloe

1. NY welcomed everyone to the Branch meeting and the new HMS Heroes Base. NY explained that the Heroes would be allowed to decorate two walls in the Base and some of the notice boards. It was decided that the decorations would start with a large 'HMS Heroes' on one of the walls. Each Hero at the Branch meeting agreed to



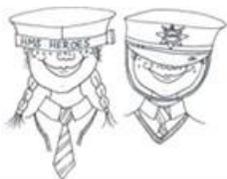


decorate a letter which would then be laminated and put on the wall. The agreed letters were:

Sam - H
Bobbie - M
Chloe - S
Nathan - H
Robbie - E
Kerry - R
Evelyn - O
Alfie - E
Faith - S
Maizie - 1
Bethany - 5
Nickie - !

Please make the letters as tall as a piece of A4 paper and decorate them anyway you like, you can incorporate your school name and anything else you think will look great! It was agreed that at the next Branch Meeting the Heroes would make handprints for the walls.

2. It was agreed that Alfie and Chloe from Brompton on Swale School would be Chair and Secretary for this branch meeting. Chair and Secretary for the next meetings will go in the order of Hipswell, Wavell, Michael Syddall.
3. Alfie then read and reviewed the minutes from the last Branch Meeting and it was agreed that they were an accurate record of the meeting.
4. Alfie then asked each school for a round up of what their HMS Hero groups had been doing:
 - **Hipswell** had a stall at the Christmas Fayre and raised £80 to buy some things for their resource box. Their meetings have not yet started. The children at



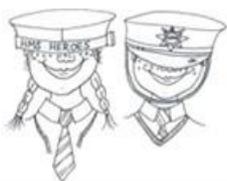


Hipswell received letters from some children in Episkopi, Cyprus and are writing back to them. Hipswell have taken part in the HMS Heroes Voices film.

- **Wavell Juniors** enjoyed taking part in their school Christmas Fayre. They do not have regular meetings yet.
- **Brompton-on-Swale Primary School** are asking the PTA for some funds to buy extra equipment for their HMS Hero Resources box. They are having to change the day their meetings will be held on so do not have regular meetings yet. At Christmas time they sent gift parcels to two soldiers who have families at Brompton on Swale but who were away in the Falklands and Kenya for Christmas.
- **Michael Syddall** had a stall at the Christmas Fayre and raised £52 for their resource box. They have group meetings most days and they are well attended. Michael Syddall have taken part in the HMS Hero Voices film.
- **Le Cateau** meet every Thursday although that day may have to change. Their meetings are well attended. Le Cateau took part in the HMS Hero Voices film.

5. Nickie asked the Heroes to explain what HMS Heroes is in their school and how it could be improved for each school. Wavell said they would like to visit army places and have an HMS Hero Mascot that could sometimes be taken home. **Hipswell** explained that in their school HMS Heroes is a regular club which they enjoy. They would also like a mascot but they would like it to wear Army uniform. **Le Cateau** explained that HMS Heroes is a club that maybe needed more promotion and advertising. They also thought a mascot was a good idea. **Brompton on Swale** said that HMS Heroes was fun and they are proud to be members of it. They also thought their group needed more promotion and advertising and thought that a change of meeting day may help more people to attend. They would also like a mascot. **Michael Syddall** explained that HMS Heroes is a fun club where you can play games. Their club is well attended but they also thought more promotion and advertising would be a good idea. They would also like a mascot.

6. Nickie explained that VE Day is on Friday 8th May and that this year would be the 70th anniversary of VE Day. The RBL have approached Nickie and asked if any of the schools were planning to celebrate VE Day. Nickie thought not but asked the Heroes





if they would like to celebrate it and if so how. The Heroes all agreed that they would like to celebrate VE Day and the ideas they thought of were:

- Special assemblies
- Dress as soldiers
- Soldiers and their vehicles to visit the schools
- A fun run
- An assault course
- Do 'soldier things' like marching
- To play games that children at the time of VE Day would have played

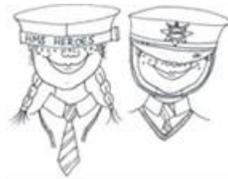
Nickie said she would speak to the schools and see if they would like to take part.

7. Branch Meeting dates for the rest of the school year were agreed. They are : Thursday 12th March, Wednesday 20th May, and Thursday 2nd July. Nickie will book the HMS Heroes Base for those dates and inform the Heroes if there are any changes to those dates. Alfie then closed the meeting and we played some HMS Hero Team Games.

Our Games this time were : The Name Game, An Indoor Snowball Fight and Hide The Hero.

Next Meeting is on Thursday 12th March 2015, 12:30 - 2:30.

At the HMS Heroes Base, Smuts Road.



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