

## Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015
Time and location of meeting	9.00 am in staffroom
Person taking the minutes	Frances Davis
People present	Mrs Mitchell (DF) Mrs Arnell (HB) Mrs Gerrish (DF) Mrs McNally (GH) Apologies from the Reception parent reps who didn't have anything.

### Minutes of the meeting

1. The Nativity: consider for next year a swap shop or loan shop of costumes to help parents source costumes. PTA could be asked to run it. A mum has set up Facebook page to swap costumes and this information has gone out the parents via our Parish Post.
2. The Sparkfish visit to see "The Christmas Journey" for Year 2 had to be cancelled because of difficulties in transporting the children to the venue. School has talked extensively with Sparkfish so that next year we can go.
3. Read Write Inc (RWI) – two parents commented that their children had said they weren't enjoying activities. However, comments from school, children, teachers and parents (both comments from listening to their child read at home and also listening to children read in school) have all been positive and that the impact of RWI was very noticeable. The structure of the RWI sessions are such that there is a lot of over learning so that the sounds, reading the words and the spellings are embedded.
4. Phonics homework – not yet. Homework is being reviewed.  
Year 2 maths – comments included: Keep, variety of activities – not just ICT, more structure and content, ICT links not working. This will be passed onto the year 2 team.
5. School dinners – have a selection of puddings ie yogurts, cheese and biscuits. Spanish chicken is too spicy

Mrs Davis mentioned these two points in a meeting with the area manager and the cook and from now on children will have a selection of dessert: the published pudding, yogurts / cheese and biscuits or fruit. The cook assured Mrs Davis that the Spanish chicken doesn't have any spice added to the mixture.

Kitchen deliveries – right at the beginning there were 2-3 deliveries early morning. However, all tradesman now know they've got to arrive after 9.30am when the cook is on site.

6. 8.45am – The children are very good at going into their classroom. The teachers will consider standing at the classroom door to ensure all the children are in the class. Mrs Davis is under the canopy welcoming and watching all children go in.
7. New junior building - school to let parents know the date when planning permission for the junior block has been submitted. Mrs Davis is going to write to parents with an update.
8. Home readers and no lime books - apologies because we had said at the beginning of the Autumn Term that we would be investing in the top end of the home reading books. However we then

invested in RWI and making sure this was set and running smoothly in school took time. Mrs Eldred is going to audit all the home readers next week and an order will go in January to buy new books. A note has gone in the Parish Post about this.

9. School photos. Mixed comments – not as good as previous years, darker, not smiling, too much background, position of child, angle of head. Sizing of photos – unusual for frames. We will feed this back to company. We will consider using a different company.
10. Question by email from a Reception parent about why parents are asked to contribute the party food at the end of term: There is a tradition of parents providing the party food and we have talked to the kitchen (when our food was cooked at Wray Common) and they couldn't provide the variety of items that would make up party food, which is why we have remained with parents bringing in the food (whereas for the lunches during the production week and all offsite visits children take a packed lunch made by the kitchen). The party food at lunchtime follows on after the children have had their end of term Christmas classroom party with games and they wear the party hats they've made.

Now that we have our own kitchen and cook this is something we can look at next year.