

Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	17 th May 2016
Time and location of meeting	9.00 am in staffroom
Person taking the minutes	Frances Davis
People present	Mrs Haacke (LB) Mrs Arnell (HB) Mrs Mills (CP) Mrs Gerrish (DF) Mrs Morrow (GH)

Minutes of the meeting

The school expansion: Year 2 & Year 3 places

- Is there going to be a point when year 2 parents confirm their year 3 place? The governors will write to all year parents after the 8th June asking them to confirm, if they haven't done so already, which school their child will be attending for year 3.
- June 8th – planning meeting
- July 5th – transition / transfer day when all year 2 children spend time in their year 3 school.
- The system is that Year 2 families cannot reject their year 3 place at Parish. They can accept a year 3 place elsewhere or they can decline a year 3 place elsewhere.

Year 3 classes

- Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Andrew will be putting the year 3 classes together and parents along with their child will be able to name 2 friends they would like their child to be in the same class with.

Drink & water

- children should always have a water bottle in school. Teachers will and do remind children to plenty of water during the day.
- The MDS will and do remind children at lunchtime to drink the water from their cup.
- PSHE lessons can be used as a way to teach the children why the body needs water

Parents fed back on the positive impact the UV handwashing kit has had on their children's handwashing regime.

Year 2 children this year and last year did not go to the Discovery Centre because their science curriculum is now very different and this trip would not support their learning.

Clubs

- as a small school, clubs have been run by external providers.
- as we grow there will be the capacity for staff to volunteer to run a club, after school and at lunchtime.
- The lunchtime "Colouring club" which is not a club but an opportunity for children to be indoors at lunchtime to colour a picture in will run from September 2016.
- a parent has volunteered to run a recorders club and we have had parents volunteer to lead our gardening club.

Parent helpers

- We do seek the help of parents when we organise trips and visits.
- We are finding that more parents are returning to work or have younger siblings which restrict their availability to help on trips.
- TAs working in other classes are not used to cover a trip from another class, unless they are absolutely needed.
- teachers will ask for the general availability of their parents and then use this to plan visits.

Feedback for RWI books – great that these have been bought for the Reception children who will be shown the books next week

Feedback on Marvellous Me app – parents are looking forward to this app and the conversations about

learning it opens up for them to have with their child.

Children accessing library – parent volunteers are asked to help with this. Please contact your class teacher if you can help.

School Facebook page – ie showing costumes (“fairy godmothers” was set up), help for trips. It is not possible for school to set up a Facebook page because of the time it would take a member of staff to support it.

The ways to advertise events: Parish Post, A frame, Marvellous Me,

Homework from school

- Looking at it – maths, spellings and times tables

Can parents please stand aside at the top of the slope and by the gate when they are talking to friends to allow easy access to other parents coming into school.

Lunches & desserts

- Seconds – how often do children get them? The kitchen will be asked. Remember the children are served child-sized portions.