

## Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Time and location of meeting	9 am – staff room
Person taking the minutes	Mrs Davis
People present	Mrs Metherell (BF), Mrs Salter (DF) Mrs Johns (LB) Mrs Purdy (CP) Mr Meyer (CP) Mrs Littlemore (Dol) Mrs Byrne (CP) Mrs Lister (GH)

### Minutes of the meeting

Year 3 Clubs –year 3 parents wanted to have some more information regarding the clubs. Some parents had been told by their children that coding club had not happened on several occasions. Mrs Davis said that we have offered a good selection of clubs but that some clubs could not run as not enough parents had signed children up and as far as she was aware coding club had happened every week (although Mrs Kennedy had not been able to run it one week due to exceptional circumstances). We have been able to confirm that netball will start in the spring or summer term and Mrs Adams would start running club as soon as the doctor had cleared her to run again. A letter has been sent to year 3 parents outlining the situation.

Year 3 in the playground before school –a parent explained that a lot of the year 3 children, especially the boys, have a lot of energy in the morning and could they please be allowed on to the MUGA in the morning to play with footballs and tennis balls. Mrs Davis confirmed that at present children were not allowed to play with balls on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day as there are lots of adults, grandparents and parents with prams and young children meaning for everyone's safety children cannot play with balls. Children should not be cycling or scooting on the playground either. It would be very difficult to find the available staff, to supervise the children on the MUGA and children could not be left alone on the MUGA. Breakfast club is very busy so they could not help with staffing. Children are expected to go straight to class at 8.45am and our playground is not staffed before that time. Mrs Davis agreed to review the situation in the summer term.

A parent said that parents were finding that on Monday and Thursday the children were sometimes late coming out of school. They appreciated that this was due to then getting changed etc but it is making the dash to Priory school quite short of time, please can the teachers finish promptly.

The parent had also received comments that the homework, that was expected to last 30 minutes, was taking a lot longer to do for many children and their parents. Mrs Davis said that homework should not last longer than 30 minutes but that if parents wanted to spend more time on it then they could. The general feedback on homework from parents at the forum was good.

Another parent said that the homework for her class was all given at the end of the week and could the Abacus homework be given at the start of the week to spread it out. Mrs Davis explained that homework was meant to consolidate learning and was therefore given at the end of the learning period so we would not be able to change when it was set.

Feedback from parents regarding homework was generally good with it being refreshingly brilliant and flexible.