

Parents' Forum Meetings - Minutes



Date of meeting	12 th December 2016
Time and location of meeting	2.30pm – staff room
Person taking the minutes	Mrs Davis
People present	Mrs Stevens (HB) Mrs O'Gara (DF) Mrs Baker-Hedge (TUR) Mrs Withers (DOL) Mrs Waller (LB)

Apologise received from Mrs Metherell (BF) Mrs Pocock (CP) Mrs Byrne (CP) Mrs Lister (GH)

Mrs Stevens said that the parents in Honeybees had not received anything recently from Marvellous Me. Mrs O'Gara said the same applied for her class. Mrs Davis said she would look into this as the teachers were using the system.

Mrs Withers had received an email from a parent in Dolphins class asking about the Surrey Arts Lessons that were offered in school and whether we would offer piano lessons. We currently offer violin lessons with Surrey Arts but have recently been approached by them to have piano lessons so we are looking at whether we have a spare room to offer this. (we have now ascertained that the piano does not fit into the room we had intended and therefore we will have to differ piano lessons until September 2017 when they can take place in the new building).

Mrs Withers said a parent from Turtles had asked how we were proceeding with the mentoring by older children that had been mentioned previously. Mrs Davis confirmed that we were doing a lot of work in the background and were forging links with another school in London through the Diocese, St Bedes and other local schools. This will take time to organise properly so we will contact parents once the system is in place. This should be in the Spring Term.

Mrs Pickford said that Priory school had notified their parents that they will become an academy with a few local schools and she asked whether we had any intention of following that route. Mrs Davis explained the governors over the last two years have been understanding the "academisation process" because although schools are no longer going to be forced to become Academies by the government it is still important for the governors to understand the reasons why any school would convert to become an academy: what is the benefit to the children? As a Southwark Diocese school, if the governors thought it was right to consider converting to become an academy then we would have to join the Southwark Diocese Multi Academy Trust.

Mrs Baker-Hedge enquired whether we would be able to have more sports clubs for the year 3 children. At present we have limited availability due to all the other clubs we run but we were always looking to fill any available slots with clubs, ensuring that we had an even spread throughout the year groups. We were sending out forms for Street Dance on a Friday in the hall for year 3 as this had been one of the clubs asked for by the children. Other suggestions at this meeting were an athletic club or Artists club. Mrs Davis also stated that our PE teacher had arranged inter school competitions for next year. Parents have been asked their opinion of the clubs their year 3 child would like.

Mrs Withers asked whether the junior school children would have their own play space once the new building was completed. Mrs Davis confirmed that we were looking at staggering play and lunchtimes from September 2017. We would also review the situation once the building work was finished.

