

Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	23 rd March 2017
Time and location of meeting	2.30pm – staff room
Person taking the minutes	Mrs Davis
People present	Mrs Salter (DF) Mrs Johns (LB) Mrs Allin (HB) Mrs Byrne (CP) Mrs Lister (GH) Mrs Baker-Hedge (TUR)

Apologies received from Sadie Metherell and Dragonfly parent reps.

A parent had received an email from a parent regarding the INSET days for 2017-2018. She queried why they had been changed and why the planned consultation had not taken place. Mrs Davis apologised for not proceeding with the consultation. She explained that in the past, before we were a primary school, we had shared training dates with the other local schools and had therefore shared the same INSET dates. We were now in a position to select our own training requirements and with the building work proceeding this year we have decided on the INSET dates published.

Another parent said that she liked the INSET date which was fixed to the May half term as this gave more flexibility in booking holidays for that week.

One parent stated that she would prefer the INSET dates to remain the same as Priory school and with the dates in June.

Mrs Davis said that we would review the INSET dates on an annual basis.

Another parent asked about arrangements for the year 2 leaver's party.

Mrs Davis said that in the past this was organised by parent reps independent of the school but they are welcome to use the premises and the field.

A parent said that Holmesdale school had their leaver's party at Mercers Lake.

Mrs Davis said that, as normal this year, the year 2 children would lead the summer term leaver's service at St Mary's Church, the children would attend the joint leaver's service with other Diocese infant schools and the event in school on the last day of term when the year 2 children walk down the "red carpet" on the field will still happen. We know that some children will be leaving the school in year 2 but all children in year 2 are leaving key stage 1 hence why we have the different leavers' events. These events will be reviewed next year.

One parent asked when the children were allowed to wear their summer dresses.

Mrs Davis stated that in general the girls can wear dresses after the Easter holiday but that is weather dependant. Boys can wear shorts all year. Girls can wear culottes and long trousers, again dependant on weather.

One parent said that there was too much information about the building work in the Parish Post. Mrs Davis suggested that the information be confined to one page of the Parish Post.

One parent stated that a parent had commented that the yellow reading books was not having regular feedback from the teacher entered into them.

Mrs Davis said that every child had their reading listened to each week. Every week the yellow reading records are looked at, initialled and / or a comment written. Parents needed to ensure that the yellow books were handed in to school.

A second parent said that the yellow reading books were being marked in Butterflies class.

Another parent wanted to share the positive feedback that she had received from parents in relation to the year 1 dance event at the Harlequin, book week and the fairy tale topic.

Another parent said that she had received 8-10 emails with positive feedback about the

Harlequin event.

One parent said that the year 3 cross-country event was a great success and at the gym event the children had achieved fourth place out of eight schools even without much experience.

Another parent asked whether the sports day could include events that aren't speed reliant. Mrs Davis said that sports day is a culmination of a whole week of sports that covers many different disciplines. On the sports morning we do have the throwing events and the obstacle course but we would look into the running events.