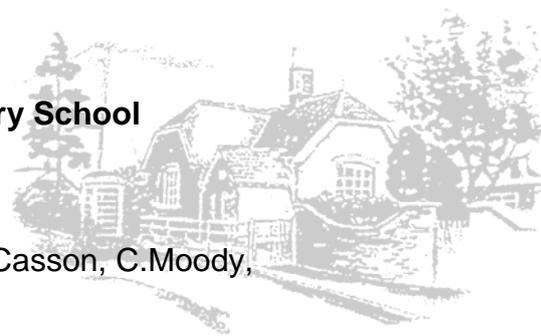


**Redmile Church of England Primary School**

**Parent Forum**

Present: L.Onyett, K. Fixter, C.Sefton, K.Hughes, P.Casson, C.Moody,  
J. Dennison, J.Hopkins (Head teacher)



<b>Parents Networking</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>There was a general consensus that due to the nature of our circumstances, some parents may feel a little isolated, e.g. as the bus brings children to and from school parents don't have the opportunity to meet with others in the playground, 'new' parents don't get to meet others.</p> <p>It was agreed to trial an informal drop-in session, open to all parents (with or without toddlers) to enable them to meet up and have a chat over coffee and cake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aiming for a gathering every half term or monthly</li> <li>• The gathering to alternate between morning and afternoon, during school time to fit in with child drop-off or pick-up</li> <li>• Venue to be decided at each session: either school or a lounge!</li> <li>• The first session will follow the family service on Friday Dec.8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10am. This will be in the end mobile</li> <li>• Coffee and orange squash left over from Viking Challenge can be used</li> <li>• Lesley and Kirsten offered to organise mince pies and milk for the first meeting (may be some left over at school)</li> <li>• Kirsten will organise a rota for providing milk and cakes for any future sessions</li> <li>• Claire offered to produce a flyer to be sent out next week to parents</li> <li>• There was a suggestion that it could lead to some extra fund-raising for a PA system for use in church. (Julie assured everyone that once the stage goes up, the children WILL be louder for the Christmas Performance!!)</li> <li>• Lesley would like to organise a 'Slave Auction' later in the spring term to raise money for school and 'Walk the Walk' (Breast Cancer charity). This was agreed to be a good idea</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that the sessions should be a positive experience for everyone, enabling them to chat about their child if they wish and share experiences, and that it should not be about raising concerns about other children or the school, for example, as this should be taken up with the relevant people privately.</p>	<p><b>School</b></p> <p><b>Lesley Kirsten</b></p> <p><b>Kirsten</b></p> <p><b>Claire</b></p> <p><b>Lesley</b></p>
<p><b>Parents Involvement in School</b></p> <p>Again due to our special circumstances (e.g. use of bus, small corridors/cloakrooms), some parents feel that they don't have much opportunity to come in to school. They also realise that that staff are busy organising teaching and learning and they don't want to feel a burden by coming in. Two issues were discussed:</p> <p><b>1. Drop-in time</b></p> <p>Could parents simply pop in to see their child's work or to look at their work on the wall or simply for the child to show them where they sit? (No time for this during parent-teacher interview, although open sessions do provide this kind of opportunity.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie pointed out that some parents do this already and staff are more than happy for them to do so and that no parent is ever turned away; after school is the best time as mornings are always hectic, getting ready for the day</li> <li>• Tuesdays/Thursdays were not ideal due to Sports Club and staff meetings</li> </ul>	

