

Redmile Church of England Primary School

Parent Forum



Present: K. Fixter, K.Hughes, J. Joyce, N.Needs, E.Poole, Mrs Graetz,
Mr Burton, K. Mehra, J.Hopkins (Head teacher)
Apologies: Mrs Hogg, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Herring

Lunch time	ACTION
<p>Viewed a PowerPoint presentation, (on new Smartboard!!) showing a typical lunchtime here at Redmile, with lots of photographs, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation • Procedures • How the older pupils help • Choice of food • Seating arrangements <p>JH clarified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That parents can pay for a school meal on a daily basis, although it is much easier for Mrs Griffiths if is done on a Monday, providing we know before 10am as this is the time by which we need to order by; numbers are 'phoned through on a daily basis. 2. That children can have a lunch on certain days if they wish, e.g. Mondays and Wednesdays are popular as roast dinners are served. 	
<p>New School Mission Statement and Aims</p> <p>Both were well received and thought to be a fair and accurate picture of our school as it is today. The wording was seen to be in language that is easy to understand and covers all the most important aspects of school life.</p> <p>The idea of creating a visual picture of the aims, in the form of a house/school with windows that open, was liked.</p> <p>The next step, once Governors have approved them, will be to add the Mission Statement to the revised Home School Agreement and send out to parents.</p>	<p>JH Governors</p>
<p>After School Clubs</p> <p>Various comments and suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots on offer for the majority of children • Not enough on offer to Year 1 this half term, although there was recognition that there would be opportunities for them later on • Could we have a school choir, for example with a theme leading to a presentation at the end of term? • Science club was popular; would they return with different themes? • Could cross country training begin sooner? KF said she'd be willing to help out • Could we organise some friendlies prior to tournaments? • A discussion was held regarding our participation in so many different tournaments and whether we should concentrate on a couple of sports, so that children could have more experience of team play in those sports, thereby enabling them to compete at a higher level on the day 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted that some schools often break the rules in tournaments, e.g. not having a minimum of two girls playing. This is an issue to take to the planning group	Mr Williams
<p>JH explained some of the difficulties we encounter as a small school, e.g. fewer pupils to make up the teams (particularly low on numbers in the older class), fewer staff to run lots of different sports sessions (as we rely on the voluntary efforts of teachers, asking them to do more isn't fair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JH asked if the group thought that parents would be willing to pay for an additional sports coach to deliver training on an additional evening, if that is what is required to provide more opportunities. Feedback: a small amount would be reasonable; only if there was no money available through Viking Challenge funds• Could we train together with another school? KF willing to help with transport• Are there any training opportunities for parents to help them support with running a club? KM interested. JH will contact Kevin Osbourne from CROP, as training was offered last year, so there may be more opportunities available this year as well	JH
<p>Clarification regarding the Family Fun Arts Clubs was asked for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toddlers are welcome• Up to 3 children per adult is permitted• 3.15-4.45 on Monday's; this was thought to be quite lengthy for young ones but JH pointed out that this would include a drinks break, direct teaching time at the beginning and clearing away at the end. The actual time spent on focused practical activities is then likely to be about an hour. The timing then seemed reasonable!	
<p>JH will now seek views of the staff.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 10am.</p>	JH