

25th November 2009

Redmile Church of England Primary School

Parent Forum

Present: J Dennison, J Clark, L Estall, R Persona, L Herring, J McGarry,
H Bartlett, J Joyce, N Evans, O Turnbull, A Hudson, K Rowe (mins)
J Hopkins (Head teacher)



READING	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Hopkins distributed a handout with a well known poem printed backwards, to demonstrate what a child with reading issues may see and feel when a piece of writing or a story is put in front of them.• By reading with your child you are helping them to use their imagination and be more able to express themselves. Good reading leads to good writing. Repetition is key.• Reading with your child at home and making it fun so they want to do it, is a great way of encouraging them to learn.• Mrs Hopkins explained about shared reading, independent reading and guided reading in school.• At home be a good role model, make sure your children sees you reading, look for opportunities in everyday life, share different books. Do it when the child is receptive – not when they are tired or hungry. BE POSITIVE!• Mrs Hopkins showed some of the items used in school to help those children who are struggling and explained some of the techniques used.• Guidance sheets were available to take away and will be available on the website.	Mrs Hopkins to post on web site
SAFETY WITH SCHOOL BUS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues have been raised re: children not attending after school clubs they would usually attend and going home on the bus, and a parent therefore not being at the stop to meet them.• Mrs Hopkins asked parents to send a note if their child would not be attending a club and was therefore on the bus. Unless this was in place a child who should be staying for a club would be sent to the club.• Parents asked for as much notice as possible if clubs are cancelled.• Siblings to stay together, unless a letter from parent has been received• COMMUNICATION IS KEY!	
AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The after school childcare was stopped several years ago as it wasn't financially viable, and there was insufficient demand.• Since then, the after school clubs have replaced childcare to a certain extent, but some parents have asked for a discussion on the possibility of re-establishing the after school facility if the demand is there.• Mrs Hopkins has looked into various options including outside agencies and the facility at Lara House, which children could attend on the school bus, which travels to Belvoir High School.• If any parents are interested in becoming a childminder in the local area, the school can help facilitate this and put interested parties in touch with relevant people.• The demand is still too low for any of the options other than Lara House or someone locally becoming a childminder.• A further questionnaire will be sent to gauge if the demand is there and if parents wish Mrs Hopkins to pursue the Lara House option.	Mrs Hopkins