

Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	4 th February 2015
Time and location of meeting	9am Staff Room
Person taking the minutes	Mrs F Davis
People present	Dr Mustill – DF, Mrs Morris – BF, Mrs Ross – GH, Mrs Kitchen – DF mum
Minutes of the meeting	
<p>Feedback from the last Parents' Forum meeting on 16th January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Wednesday 25th February at 2.30pm parents are invited to taste samples of the school dinners – information to go out to parents in the Parish Post. • Surrey Commercial Services (SCS) can only provide a dessert for the number of children eating, so no spares are kept. Therefore cheese & biscuits cannot be offered as an alternative. • Children are given a 'happy' sticker if they have eaten their main meal and are given the 'empty plate' sticker if they have eaten all their meal. • The vegetarian meals are not the same as standard published meals and understandably this causes a concern for children on some occasions. This has been raised with SCS who follow strict rules for the alternative menus, ie vegetarian, gluten free. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nits – there is a concern of frequency of nits at the moment. One suggestion was to have a Nit Nurse but the better alternative is for parents to regularly check their child's hair. However the best advice to eradicate nit is to comb hair your child's hair regularly with a nit comb. Combing your child's hair every 10-14 days will physically break the life cycle of the nits. Medical advice is that no medical solution is needed, just careful and regular checking by all parents. Again, medical advice is that in fact nits are not harmful to health and although they are a distinct irritant they are often part of, although for a short time, of a child's life in their infant education. School reinforces the guide of all long hair (shoulder length and longer) should be tied up. School will investigate the cost of Nitty Gritty combs in order for parents to order through school. 2. Lunchtime supervision – 1 Midday supervisor per class, 1 Senior midday supervisor going to where the need is, 1 playleader (Monday – Thursday), Friday there is an arts and crafts sessions with one of the midday supervisors. Monday / Thursday Mrs Seddon our specialist PE teacher is out leading games suggested by the children. Parents can meet with the class teacher if there is an individual problem. It may be possible to purchase some Blue Construction equipment, this would be a potential PTA project (see PTA minutes). 3. Coats zipped up – can children do it? Class teachers to remind children to do up their coats at playtime, lunchtime and at the end of the school day. Please can parents check that their child can zip / do up their own coat (and practice at home). Staff will do up a coat if a child can't do it. 4. School will email Reigate Grammar School to remind their parents not to use the school's drive way or roundabout to drop their child off because of potential danger to our children of increased traffic. 	