

Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	16 th January 2015
Time and location of meeting	Reigate Parish Church School
Person taking the minutes	Frances Davis
People present	Mrs Weston (GH) Mrs Judge (BF) Mrs Waller (GH) Mrs Ross (GH) Mrs Johnson (HB) Mrs Hamaker (LB) Mrs Baldock (GH)

Minutes of the meeting

1. Lunchtime:

- Some Reception children are finding the “adventurous” menu hard.
- Salmon tortellini was not very popular.
- Only vegetarian children have the vegetarian option, there isn't a choice of meals.
- Query whether cheese and biscuit could be offered as a choice, SCS (Surrey Commercial Services) will be asked.
- Children's feedback on their meals will be collected over the next three weeks. SCS have put together the resources for this feedback and have a red smiley face and a green unhappy face. However the teachers have gone through with the children how to use the cards so the children can accurately give their feedback.
- Parents will be invited to come and taste some meals after half term.
- The School Council (12 children) has tasted sample meals and gave their feedback: some dishes were all liked by all and some were only liked by 3-4 children
- Reception, year 1 and year 2 parents will be able to come in at lunchtimes. Dates will go out in the Parish Post before half term. It's an opportunity for one parent to join their child for one Friday meal and to experience lunchtime playing outside and eating their school dinner in the hall with their child.
- At the next MDS meeting we will talk about if the child eats their main course they get a sticker and if a child eats their main course and dessert then they get a different sticker.
- Only Year 2 children alternate lunch sittings.
- Year 1 children are on second sitting and children do eat fruit at playtime. If parents are concerned about their child needing food at 12pm then please talk to the class teacher.

2. Breakfast Club:

- There is a range of cereals on offer, some of which are “sweeter”. Breakfast Club do like to offer a broad range of breakfast items: fruit, yoghurt, toast, bagels, cereals, porridge (recently become popular). Breakfast Club will review the range of cereals they offer. Parents can talk to Breakfast Club about specific arrangements they would like, ie. dilute any fruit juice, limit certain cereals.

3. Extended after school club:

- Mrs Davis and a school colleague have visited YMCA on Princes Road in Earlswood to see what they offer.
- Mrs Davis and the governors will be writing to parents before the February half term.

4. SCL who use the school during the holidays will be using a classroom for art and craft as well as the hall and the playground.

5. Greater liaison between Reigate Priory & Reigate Parish for dates.

6. Head lice:

- emails will be sent to all classes when a child has got headlice
- prevention: it was suggested to bulk buy “Nitty Gritty” so that all parents could regularly check their child's head and this eradicate head lice.

7. Lining up in morning:

- parents standing back. buggies to be at the back of the playground
- a reminder in the Parish Post
- In Reception: no saving of places by book bags. Keep bag until lining up.
- Notes/email to class teacher from parents so that
- Teachers to remind parents to “please move back”
- There was a suggestion for school to open early at 8.45am so that parents could drop their child in to the class. Parents can always use Breakfast Club if they need to leave their child at school before the 8.55am whistle. Teachers use the time between 8.45am and the time they come out to meet their class to complete valuable tasks before the start of their teaching and so it is not possible to bring the children earlier into school.

8. Change to 2016 admissions policy:

- Mrs Davis answered some questions and explained the new admissions policy for 2016
- Parents asked if there could be a meeting

9. School trips

- The teachers look carefully at the curriculum to see where the immediate school grounds can be used as well as the wooded area, the Reigate area and locations where coach transport is needed.
- All children will have one coach trip and teachers are deciding.

10. Book week:

- Information will be coming out on Friday 23rd January
- PTA to organise a swap costume day to help parents to find a costume for the dressing up day when children come as their favourite book character