

Parents' Forum meetings - minutes

Date of meeting	30th September 2014
Time and location of meeting	Reigate Parish Church School
Person taking the minutes	Frances Davis
People present	Mrs Adams (DF) Mrs Clark (HB) Mrs Miller-Bassi (parent), Mrs Judge (BF) Mrs Waller (GH), Mrs Trusler (LB) Mrs Bassnett (LB) Mrs Mitchell (CP)
Minutes of the meeting	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PE in reception – will they go outside for their PE sessions? They are currently exploring a dance topic but will go outside for PE when possible. Children do have active sessions (football, ball skills, working as a team) on the field as part of their continuous provision and additional PE lessons. The children are active when they are learning outside throughout the day. 2. PE – there is a preference for plimsolls and not trainers. Children can wear trainers during sports week in the summer term when they are participating in three days of PE activities. 3. Sibling friendships at lunchtime – Reception children were playing with their year 1 or 2 siblings (and friends of siblings) but then what has happened is the play turns into the younger children being upset or feeling frightened. So teachers have asked their children to play within their year group friendships. Siblings can tactfully say hi then play with their own friends. 4. Packed lunch & school dinners: are children rushed to finish? Children are reminded to eat as much as they can and if they are talking children are reminded that they can talk outside when they have finished their lunch. MDS do monitor how much is being eaten and will feedback to the teacher who will in turn talk to parents. Only the unhealthy food in a packed lunch was being eaten: all MDS encourage children to eat the carbohydrates and fruit first. 5. Could there be a piece of fruit for dessert? This will be fed back to the Surrey Commercial Services manager. 6. Could parents provide a healthy snack – raisin, bread sticks – at playtime? Mrs Davis has reviewed this and decided that children have to have the fruit option provided free by the government Fruit and Vegetable scheme so that the playtime snack is truly healthy. 7. A Reception child was left alone to eat. There are always staff in the hall so if a child is the last one to eat they will be encouraged to eat their food and then go out to play. There are sometime 4-5 children who are finishing off their food as the MDS clean the tables around them for the next sitting. If a child is particularly slow to eat then the teacher will probably talk to the parent to discuss a strategy to encourage the child to eat quicker. 8. Behaviour chart: it's seen by everyone if a child is on red or amber and children talk about it at home. All children go back to green at the end of the day and children are encouraged to think about their own behaviour and not that of others. The behaviour policy actively supports children to think about their choices and decisions which will have an impact on their behaviour as they grow older. 9. Better communication about what level a child is on for sound of the week, maths homework and home reading book. The teacher ensures the children are receiving work at the suitable level that is right for child's ability. We don't want children to be rushed through because then there will be gaps in their learning. 10. Curriculum evenings – the powerpoint presentations are on website 	