

Parents' Forum Meetings - Minutes

Date of meeting	5 th January 2015
Time and location of meeting	Reigate Parish Church School
Person taking the minutes	Frances Davis
People present	Mrs Ross (GH) Mrs Bell (LD & DF) Mrs Clark (HB) Mrs Morris (BF)
Minutes of the meeting	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The summer term Parents' Forums will be held at 9am as feedback was that this was a more convenient time than 2.30pm. At the end of the summer term the timings of the meetings will be reviewed. 2. School does prefer that Reception children do not play with older Year 2 siblings because in our experience: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Often the game can become argumentative and this can lead children to misbehave or make the wrong decisions. B. When the older sibling doesn't want their younger sibling to join in this can again then lead to the wrong behaviour. C. Children are then not playing and making friends with children in their year group and may become more reliant on their older sibling. 3. The field and its usage: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The tape is there to section the field off so that the towers can be used every play and lunchtime B. When the weather is fair and dry then the children will be able to use the whole field at play and lunchtime C. We continue to look at the options for the surface of the field – astro turf / reseed. It is very expensive (in the region of £80,000 to astro turf) and we are looking to see what revenue streams / grants we can access. If anyone has any ideas then please contact the school. D. SCL football after school club for the spring term are using the playground to play their games of football E. Mrs Davis will review the field for SCL to use during their Easter holiday club and for the summer term after school football club nearer the time. 4. Could children have access to serviettes at lunchtime to save them wiping their mouth on their jumpers? However there is a cost to school in providing this. We will look to see if we can have a box of tissues / kitchen roll in the hall for children to use when needed. 5. Book Fair: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The fair raised £334.54 for new home readers B. School to ensure the hall can be used for Book Fair because there was not enough space outside the office for children and parents to enjoy the book fair. C. School will choose the new home readers very carefully (we will see if there are new publishers we can use), taking feedback on the variety of books especially in "white" box and the other colours where more books would be good. D. If parents have a specific question / issue about the books their child take home (ie. They are always picking the same book) to read then they should talk to their class teacher. 6. It was brought up that there are some loose posts in vegetable garden. This will be investigated. 7. Headlice Combs We are still looking to obtain nit combs for parents to purchase from school following concern about headlice at the last three Parents' Forums. We need orders in advance – so we are looking to gauge parental interest. They will be approximately 30p per comb for a white plastic one or a "Nitty Gritty" comb at £6.99 (total minimum order 12) or £7.50 (total minimum order 6). If you are interested, please contact the school office by Friday 13th March. 	

8. There are still many parents standing next to their child in the line. In addition, many children and parents cannot hear the whistles. So from Tuesday 10th March there will be a new system:
- A. at 8.55am the bell will be rung
 - B. it is for the children to say good bye to their parent(s) and line up
 - C. it is for the parents to step back from the line, thus leaving the line clear of parents.
 - D. The teachers will promptly take the children into school.
 - E. The parent reps are emailing all the parents to inform them of this change.
 - F. Teachers will tell their children
 - G. The announcement is also going out in the Parish Post.