

# Parent Forum minutes

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Present: Louise Stokes, Bernard Klemenz, Mandy Madden, Tina Mula, Ioana Balanoi, Kelly Brennan, Vicky Chandler, Mavis Boateng. Visitor: Leto kitchen ( DJ for Christmas)

Apologies: Joanna Heller

Ana Dobeson has kindly agreed to take on the role in Year 6.

Louise Stokes extended her thanks to the Forum reps for all their help on the parents evening and the book fair. The refreshments were greatly appreciated by families and their kind donations went towards the Year 6 end of year trip.

The forum received a comment from a parent who was concerned about there not being a crossing patrol outside the school. He informed the reps that many times he has had children and adults taking risks running across the road to the school entrance rather than walk the few feet further to the crossing. Could the governors find out why we no longer have a school crossing patrol, and raise the parent's concerns. Mrs stokes had also seen a pupil from the school climbing over the railings outside the school and leaning into the road. This was reported to the class teacher and dealt with. Could children and families perhaps be reminded, how dangerous it can be at the start and end of the day for both themselves and drivers.

Miss Hobbs has agreed to give the reps a date for an Easter Fair after Christmas. The Forum discussed some ideas...

Easter bonnet parade

Raffle

Bottle and Gift tombola

Bouncy castle

Stocks

Egg hunt

Name the bunny

Assault course

Hook a duck

Play your cards right

Name the baby

Splat the rat

Cake sale

Ice lollies/Refreshments

Face painting 4/5 parents

Bernard Klemenz asked whether a visiting farm might be available for the Easter Fair.

Vicky Chandler and a parent raised concerns about the school dinners. (This has been an issue before and been raised with the governors) On Tuesday (roast dinner day) many children were unable to have the main meal and instead were offered a pot of grated cheese with potatoes and vegetables as the meat had run out. There were children who went without the pudding choice because there was not enough. The kitchen suggested that this was because they had not received the numbers from the office in time; they need the numbers by 9.30 a.m. The Forum helped gain feedback from parents on this issue last year, with the possibility of the children making their choice in the morning and wearing a wrist band to indicate their choice for the dinner hall. Please could the governors update the Forum with any news on this issue. Parents felt very strongly that this was an issue that needed attention.

Leto Kitchen visited the Forum to finalise details for the Christmas disco on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, KS1 3.30 – 4.45 p.m. and KS2 5 – 6.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

