



November 16

Dear Parents,

Parent Partnership is an informal meeting between teachers and parents and an opportunity to have a discussion about topics relating to school life.

Thanks go to representatives who gave up their time to attend Parent Partnership in November. We would be delighted to have representation from our Nursery and Year 2 Parents at the next meeting. Please speak to a member of staff or one of the parents below if you are interested and would like a little more information.

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Staff	Mrs Farkas	Mrs Morrison	Mrs Church

Areas of discussion included:

Parent Partnership Meeting Terms of Reference - these were discussed and it was agreed that they would be sent to all parents with the Parent Partnership letter. The taking of minutes by a parent was discussed and it was suggested that some parents might find this a little daunting. The expectation is that just headlines and brief notes are recorded by a parent. These notes will then be edited and published by the Chair of the meeting and sent out by the school.

The future of Parent Partnership meetings was discussed. Poor attendance by parents to Parent Partnership meetings was discussed. Over the past 2 years only a few parents have attended. It was agreed that trying different times of day for Parent Partnership meetings might be worth trying in order to get higher attendance by parents. It was suggested that perhaps an information leaflet or letter about Parent Partnership be generated by Parents who have contributed to Parent Partnership over the years and added to by staff members. In light of this discussion the next meeting will be held at the beginning of the school day at 9am on 1st February 2017.

Parking - Parents appreciate the patrolling of parking by the Senior Management team and the letter sent out with regard to parking. There is lots of work that goes on in school in order to educate the children about sustainable travel that will hopefully impact on the next generation. School has recently been given an award by the Lord Mayor of Solihull for their work in this area. The patrolling of parking is not

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sustainable and members of staff have no jurisdiction beyond the school gate. Staff have been exposed to abuse and serial offenders continue with their anti-social behaviour. This is a community issue and everybody in our school community needs to question the behaviours of those who continue to display poor parking behaviours. School management have requested further yellow lines and signs from the Council but the council have declined to carry out such road works. A lollipop patrol was suggested but Council services are being cut and so there is no prospect of this happening in this area.

Parents' Evening - Parents brought feedback about Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 parents' evenings. School has consulted Nursery and Reception parents about the change in the autumn term and Mrs Church is currently collating feedback from parents on this matter. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Blossomfield Expansion - The expected date of completion for the new Foundation Stage Unit is May 2017. The building work is now progressing on schedule and the walls of the building are now going up quickly. The mobile classroom and the current Nursery building will be removed once school is ready to occupy the new building and this area will re-instated as a mixture of a grass and soft play surface for large apparatus.

Year 1 Carol Service - Parents noted that Year 1 would not be taking part in the Year 2 play this year. As we now have more children in school we decided that it would be an opportunity to change our historic Christmas events to give the children a variety of performing experiences. Smaller groups of children performing, means that less time is needed for rehearsals, which is something that parents had raised as an issue in previous years. Therefore, going forward, Nursery will continue with their Nursery Noel performance, Reception will perform a traditional Nativity, Year 1 will present a Carol Concert and Year 2 will perform a Christmas Play.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and very well attended. Thanks go to all of the Parent Teacher Association members and teachers who helped out. School staff were particularly impressed with the organisation of this event and wished to thank all of the parents on the PTA who helped to organise the event and those who helped on the day.

Forest School - Parents feel that Forest School is great. Communication between Mrs. Nichols and parents is working really well, better in fact than last year when there were less classes going to Forest School. The children and the parents who help, really enjoy the sessions. The organisation that goes into it is appreciated. Thanks will be passed on to Mrs Nichols and the Year 1 team.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2017 @ 9am