

**Parent Forum
Agenda
Tuesday 9th November
7.00 p.m.**

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
 3. Parent Forum Representatives 2010-11
 4. Parent Forum section of the school website
 5. Parents' Evening Appointments
 6. Parents/ Carers Questionnaire
 7. House System and Positivity (links to School Development Plan Priority 6)
 8. Working Parties- Community Cohesion & Christian Values
 9. Date for next meeting: Tuesday 8th February at 7pm
 10. Agenda items for the next meeting-please put these in the Parent Forum box by Wednesday 2nd February.
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Minutes of Meeting

Present:

V Lewis, S Hopkins, K Harrison, J Fletcher, J Lewis, John Beaumont, J Eaton Terry, C Owen, R Evans, G Moger-Taylor, S Gebbie

Apologies

K Wilson, D Hewett

Matters of Last Meeting:

Minutes agreed.

Does the time of meeting suit still, not everyone but still better than a day time meeting.

Parent Forum Representatives

All present advised which year groups they represented.

Christian names/photos to go on classroom door notices and on the school website so that reps become better known. Also agreed a contact form for parents to write messages to the parent

representatives that could go on the website.

Parents Evening Appointments

Rachel Evans raised an issue with this round of appointment planning, and shared an idea of how it might be changed/modified. VL said that she would ask staff to leave the appointments schedule on the desk if they were going to be absent for a course etc so that supply teachers could then use this, avoiding any delay in planning/notifying parents.

Parent/Carers questionnaire

V Lewis requested that all reps promote the completion of parent questionnaires. She explained that it was an opportunity to give feedback to the school and was therefore extremely important. A questionnaire should be completed for each child.

House system

V Lewis outlined the change to the House system introduced this term. Feedback from the School Council suggested that the House System was too focused on sports, and that it needed to focus on a whole range of other activities. At recent school assemblies the children have all been briefed on the changes. Some parents fed back that children didn't appear to understand the rationale and that there were some instances of friction within families where the children were no longer in the same house. V Lewis explained that a number of options had been considered to reorganise the houses and it was felt that this offered the most benefits, although she was happy to explain this again at a future school assembly.

Positivity

In terms of 'positivity' V Lewis outlined some recent initiatives to encourage positive thinking. Golden phone call. She explained that Star of the Week still exists and details are now included in the Newsletter. Parents said how much they appreciated this. Another initiative is the nominating of someone who has shown real 'qualities', and if selected will be given an award – 'Special Person' award.

Working Parties: Community Cohesion & Christian Values

V Lewis outlined that she was looking for volunteers to support a community cohesion group working with children, school governors and staff. SG/JET volunteered.

Core Christian values for school will be looked at after Christmas. Mr Beaumont volunteered to be part of this group.

Date of next meeting

8th February 2010 with any agenda items notified by 2nd February.

Any other business

SG – raised an issue about how the absence of Mrs Jones had been communicated and whilst it was accepted that little could be said about the circumstances it was felt that an earlier communication with Year 4 parents would have been preferable.

V Lewis advised that Mrs Philips will be taking the class until further notice. This would ensure consistency and stability for the Year 4 children.