

**St Chad's C.E. (C) Primary School**  
**Parent Forum Meeting**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm**  
**Minutes**

Present	Jean Marshall (Staff), Dave Humphries (Governor), Kerry Rawlin, Zoe Comley, Phil Comley, Tina Sherwood, Jason Simpson and Andy Hulme (Parents).
Apologies	Karen Pointon, Julie Cartlidge, Ruth Sharpe, Melanie Bell (Parents)
Welcome and introductions	Dave Humphries opened the meeting by welcoming everybody.
Terms of Reference	Copy given to Jason Simpson
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the teacher- Lower KS2 parents felt that it would have been better if there would have been somewhere for their children to be supervised.</li> <li>• School disco - parent help. More parents helped at the last one and we will continue to ask for support from the parents.</li> </ul>
Sports Day Format	Year 3 parents liked the way that KS1 had run their sports day. Comment from KS2 parents- it is a long morning.
PFA	Request that PFA send out a newsletter. Parents not sure what is required to be on the PFA. Some could attend meetings but then struggled to help setting up and attending on the day. Would they still be welcome? Suggested that a PFA meeting followed on from Parent Forum one night.
Head lice	A talk from the nurse would benefit new parents; nursery and reception. Could the nurse to a talk directed at the children? Instead of a letter being sent out about head lice could a leaflet be created; maybe by the children? Parents not sure about the best treatment to use and if there is anything about to help prevent a child from getting them.
Parent Items	<p>Does the TA work with the less able all the time and the Teacher work with the more able children? Answer was given that the Teacher would rotate around each group during the week for both Maths and English. TA might support the less able more, but this would be additional to the Teacher, not instead of.</p> <p>How do we group the children? Use assessments from the end of the previous year then assess at the end of each lesson; children can move groups. Once they are in a group, this does not mean that they will stay there for the year.</p> <p>Parents were not sure how often their child had been listened to read especially as they moved into KS2. Suggestion was made that after a guided reading session, their reading diaries could be stamped.</p> <p>Homework- Year 3 children getting spelling and maths homework every night but nothing at a weekend; children were missing out on after school activities because of homework. Requested that spellings could be given out on a Friday so that they could have the weekend as well. In Y2 they were given homework on a Friday to be handed in on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Could parents have a paper copy of the holiday dates please?</p> <p>Parents like the website but felt that some things when looking for them were not on there-School uniform.</p> <p>Parents in Year 3 would have liked more information about fruit and juice in Year 3 as some parents were not sure about cost etc. until the meeting.</p> <p>Does anybody monitor lunch boxes? When children are eating outside, parents are finding that their child has not eaten all of their lunch as</p>

		<p>there is too much temptation to play. Mrs Marshall did say that there would not be many more days when lunches would be eaten outside now until Spring.</p> <p>Reception parents would like the food choices for hot meals more controlled. Parents are telling their children what to choose for lunch from the menu, but are then finding sausages have been on the menu so the child has chosen them.</p> <p>Are we ever likely to get a new building?</p> <p>Does the age of it affect our numbers of children on roll?</p> <p>A Year 6 parent missed a parents evening at Sir Thomas Boughey because their child had not had a letter.</p> <p>Parking outside school. Same car drops off on zigzags frequently.</p> <p>As Thursday evening not convenient now for some of our parent members could we look at alternative nights. Unfortunately Thursday evening was the best evening for the majority of people. It was suggested that we could have a drop in session on alternative half terms. 09:00am for half an hour.</p>
	Equality Issues	Non were mentioned
	Date of next meeting	Drop in session trial 19 <sup>th</sup> November 09:00am Full meeting Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February