

Parent Forum 25.1.16 6.30pm

Parents were invited to submit questions before the meeting and these were covered in the meeting.

Range of after school clubs

Discussed the range of clubs on offer. JC explained how children had been surveyed to determine which sports clubs should be run this term.

A question was asked about art & crafts club or cooking etc. SH explained about the pressure on facilities (e.g. competing with after school club for space) and people available to run the clubs. This would be looked into.

Coding club was dropped because of lack of numbers, but Mrs Rhys-jones runs digital leaders on a Friday.

A question was asked about music provision in year 3 and why only recorders were offered. SH explained that we had consulted with the peripatetic teachers and for a range of reasons the children were not quite ready for instrument lessons.

Request for hats to be worn in summer

A parent asked if children could be persuaded to wear hats to keep the sun off them in summer (similar to campaign in Australia). The school would look at covering this in an assembly nearer the time and through the PDL curriculum, but would not be able to insist all children wear them as not part of agreed school uniform code.

Spellings

SH explained what the school had been doing in terms of spellings this year. She also linked this in to the expectations for year 6 with their writing, that most spellings had to be correct in their work or the child would not match the Age Related Expectations.

Parents were generally positive about the new methods of finding words to match the rules and spelling games, rather than learning a list.

Some parents said it would be useful to have a guide on this and clear communication once the trial periods was over.

There was discussion on the use of a spelling club to support children and a possible Spelling Bee competition.

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Other topics covered briefly were:

The use of gloves in netball

The amount of homework set

Communication over maths work