



Minutes from Parent Forum Meeting : September 11th

- Attendees:

- Ben Gallivan (Year 3)
- Jo Davies (Reception, Year 4 and Year 6)
- Diana Matthews (Reception, Year 3)
- Helen Myall (Year 1 and Year 3)

- Apologies:

- Toby Moorhouse (Year 5)
- Rhian James (Nursery)
- Katie Jennings (Years 3 & 5)

Welcome and Parent Forum Purpose

The meeting began with a welcome and thanks extended to attendees for participating in the parent forum. We talked about how the parent forum is all about open chats between school and home. We want to be upfront about why we make decisions. We agreed that future meetings need a proper plan so we cover everything. The forum will also help us get feedback from more parents.

Feedback on Meet the Teacher Event

Positive feedback was received regarding the recent Meet the Teacher event. Parents appreciated the personal interaction with individual teachers in the classroom environment. However, timing presented challenges for working parents, many of whom would prefer a 5pm start to attend more easily. It was noted that parents with children in multiple classes might have missed some information due to overlapping session times. To address this, it was suggested that a form be sent out before the event to indicate attendance plans, enabling more tailored communication.

Communication Platforms: Class Dojo and Instagram

Parents are happy with Class Dojo because they can see what their pupils are doing during the school day. We'll send a message to remind everyone that you don't need to pay to use it. Also, we need to check if the "pupils playing on the Island" function is still on, because it should be off.

We talked about using Instagram to share weekly highlights from all the classes and school events. This would give parents a better idea of what's going on across the whole school, not just in their own pupil's class.



Homework Communication

Homework expectations had been explained during the Meet the Teacher event; however, there was recognition that parents unable to attend might be unclear about new homework arrangements. Confusion around the use of different apps for homework was also noted. It was agreed that the school would check in with parents after homework is issued and consider developing guides or clearer instructions if needed.

After School Clubs

Questions were raised about the availability and scheduling of after school clubs for the current year. It was confirmed that details will be communicated shortly.

AOB

SD asked if parents could collate feedback from parents as to whether they would prefer to pay for transport to and from cluster sports events or are they able to transport the children themselves. A message will be sent to the year 6 whats app group to gauge opinions.

Proposed date for next meeting: 24th October 2025