



Parent Forum Minutes

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Clubs

Mr Griffiths explained the work that the school had been doing to refresh the offer for school clubs. The newsletter has already detailed the clubs and instrumental lessons that will be on offer, but a booklet detailing each club, their prices and booking information will be available for parents towards the end of the summer term. Some clubs will be at lunchtime and others after school.

It was explained that the school doesn't have a breakfast club because we usually open at 8.30 for all children if required, and prefer to use the staff available to benefit a greater number of pupils.

Planned changes to 'post Covid' school life

The school cannot be sure when the government guidance around class bubbles, staggered starts and finishes and hygiene measures will change. Assuming some normality returns in the autumn term, some of the old arrangements will be altered.

Parent forum gave their input on new plans for:

- Drop off
- Pick up
- Parents evening

Once these plans have been agreed with staff and governors, they will be published in the newsletter ahead of September.

Events for summer term

Arrangements for the following events were discussed:

- Outdoor Coffee mornings/uniform sales to be held in the playground before the end of term. Dates to be confirmed.
- Sports days. These will be held for children but no parents unfortunately.
- Leavers' Mass. This may be held in school or at the church, depending on Covid situation. Parents of Year 5 and Year 6 will be invited.
- Parents' Social 14th July. Covid permitting, this will be held on the roof with numbers limited.

- Year 6 play. Covid permitting, this will be performed in the hall with numbers limited.
- 16th July. House of the Year party on the roof for children of winning house. Parent volunteers would be welcomed.

Events for next academic year

Book week, international week, kindness week and science week will be planned throughout the year.

Mrs Griffiths will circulate coffee morning/social/uniform sale dates to the Parent Forum for agreement before the end of term.

Any other business:

The following questions were asked by parents via class reps:

Will the new Reception Class intake in September have a staggered start as in previous years? Yes, the letters will be sent to parents very soon, detailing dates and times.

Will there be a talent show next year? The talent show in 2019 was organised by school council members in order to raise money for their chosen charity. They may choose to host another talent show next year, or a different event or competition. The children are allowed to make that decision themselves.

Will the school be employing a P.E. teacher? No. P.E. is taught by classteachers.

How does the school reinforce kindness among the children? Continuously through various lessons and activities, including: P.S.H.E lessons, assemblies, friendship week, R.E. lessons, weekly Act of Kindness award, whole school initiatives such as Owl and Owlets.

Will my child get tutoring with the Covid-19 grant given to schools by the DfE? Every school must publish a report on how it is spending the Covid-19 grant. The plans were agreed at Senior Leadership and governor level in the Autumn term. The report can be found in the Covid-19 section of the school website or by clicking this link <https://www.oratory.rbkc.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Covid-19-catch-up-premium-report.pdf>

Will swimming resume this term? No. The leisure centre was only able to offer use of the pool if the school hired the entire pool for the sessions, rather than just the lanes that we usually use. This was not financially viable. We hope swimming can resume fully next academic year.

Does the catering company cater for children with allergies? Yes. Parents should contact the school office, who can direct them to the correct person to speak to at the catering company.

Does the school know which teachers will be allocated to classes next year? Yes, but this information is not released to children and parents until the beginning of July because it is far too soon for the children to be thinking about transition to their next class. Nearer the summer holidays, we will begin a programme of transition with the children.