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Money

Parent Forum were concerned that the school should be more conscious of time scales for parent payments as it was difficult for parents to pay things when it seemed there were several requests for payments for different things all coming at once.

Parent Forum were also concerned that receipts are not given when payments are made and cheques were not cashed promptly.

School – We are able to confirm that the school will be moving on to an electronic payment system. Details of this are being finalised and information will be given as soon as we are able. We are confident that this will resolve many payment issues.

Diary Dates

Parent Forum said that the diary sheet provided at the beginning of the year was fantastic – this year, Parent Forum have asked for it to include dates planned in advance for Holiday Club as many child minders and other care providers require bookings well in advance. Parents would prefer to book with school early to continue to support the club.

Parent Forum noted that there is still a date outstanding on the calendar for next year for a staff development day. Are school able to confirm this yet?

Royal Wedding

Parent Forum were disappointed that there was not a school celebration for the Royal Wedding.

School – We had concentrated so hard on the SATs week going smoothly and making arrangements for SATs that we had not factored in a celebration day. Equally, we did not want to detract from the year 2 Street Party that they were planning to celebrate the end of their project. It is foreseen that many of the teaching staff will factor the wedding into some of their lessons for the week following the wedding. Parent Forum are asked to support us in future in planning ahead for big events and we welcome all your involvement with the school to bring these events alive for the benefit of the children.

Charity

Parent Forum asked whether Briary could choose in advance the charities they will be supporting for the year and publish the info at the start of the year so that parents can plan for the events.

School – we feel it is really important that the children have a voice in the charities that are chosen. We will ask School Council to gather the views of their peers in deciding which charities are supported via collections and 'special days' next year.



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Ocean Diaries

School were interested to know if the Parent Forum could think of any ideas/strategies to get parents more involved with signing the ocean diaries regularly.

Members of Parent Forum generally agreed that they regularly read with their children at home and set aside time for reading but often did not record this in the diaries. They asked if a more tailored approach could be set for the older children so that some could be responsible for recording their own reading but agreed that they would consult with other parents – perhaps via the Facebook page in a discussion around how we could improve the system.

One of the members suggested a “Booky Bingo” type target might work for some children who struggled to just sit down and read.

School – we are more than happy to accommodate ‘a more tailored approach’ wherever possible but would ask that parents and carers do this only in agreement with the class teacher.

Bulletin

Parent Forum has suggested that the Friends of Briary Should put regular updates in the school Bulletin.

School agreed that it would be good to have any updates announced on the Bulletin.

Public Health Communications

Parent Forum has asked whether it is possible to be more specific with year groups affected when sending out any public health e-mails in future?

School – whilst we recognise that this may be helpful, we would not want to give families false reassurance that their children’s year groups were not affected. In addition, with many shared areas in the school e.g.: toilets, hall, dining hall, ICT suite etc., the risk of illnesses being spread across year groups is high