

DEWHURST ST MARY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Miss Natalie Ranson

I have attached the minutes of our last meeting.

Parent Voice Minutes from meeting; Friday 3rd November 9-10am

Subject;	Matters Discussed;
Fundraising	<p>Parents raised that they like it when we support National events eg; Children in Need, Comic Relief etc.</p> <p>We have Children in Need approaching and parents are happy to support this with a simple non-uniform day with the option of wearing spots if pupils wanted.</p> <p>This allows pupils who enjoy dressing up the freedom to express themselves whilst allowing those who don't like dressing up the simpler option to take part, whilst wearing their favourite non-uniform clothes.</p> <p>We will <u>ask for donations</u> accepting the old pound coins.</p> <p>Parents like that we raise an awareness of Remembrance Day and poppies and merchandise will be on sale during the next two weeks in the playground at break and in the school office.</p> <p>Parents like the ethos of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal which provides children with the opportunity to give to children overseas. This links with our school values and ethos and parents would like to take part in this again this year.</p> <p>Action; Take part in Comic Relief and Shoebox appeal</p>
Communication	<p>Parents like the Dojo system of communicating with teachers. They understood that this was a channel of communication where parents could respond to teacher comments but if parents want to ask a question or would like a response then the usual methods of communication should be used eg. contact at the classroom door, e-mail the office; admin@dewhurst.herts.sch or call and leave a message 01992 624177- classteachers will respond back during the school day. Staff are not able to respond to questions or queries using Dojo as this is against our e-safety guidelines.</p> <p>The children have responded so well to dojo that this has impacted on our reward system. Teachers now give dojos as a way of rewarding good behaviour or excellent learning.</p> <p>They like the clear format of the weekly newsletter with upcoming events being</p>

	<p>explained on the right then the date staying on the left-hand side.</p> <p>Nice having events on the TV outside to remind parents too.</p> <p>Parents are thankful for the text reminders and messages. Thank you to our admin team for this.</p> <p>More parents are now following our school Facebook page; www.facebook.com/DewhurstStMaryCofePrimary</p> <p>Action;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to use Dojo to communicate learning in school • Continue to use text and Facebook to remind parents of important messages -We need to encourage our parents to 'like' comments to help keep them at the top of newsfeeds. • We will be putting curriculum information on our school website so you can see what is taught in each area of the curriculum across the school. eg termly curriculum newsletters on each class page and plans for each subject under 'Curriculum'
Homework	<p>Parents prefer more closed activities. The children struggle when the tasks are open. Nice when they have an additional task they can complete as an option.</p> <p>When two tasks are set, can one task be 'I am learning'?</p> <p>Parents say children enjoy I am Learning and Lexia at home. Q) What happens for families with no computer or i-pad at home? A) The library after school is available for families to use.</p> <p>Action; Use more 'I am learning' for older pupils to do homework</p>
Clubs	<p>Parents like all the clubs and feel there is a wide variety. Q) Could we have a homework club? Answer; If staff were running homework clubs this would be in place of all the extra-curricular clubs that are being offered e.g.; cooking, sewing, art/DT, choir, origami, French, netball, football, multisports and this would be detrimental for our pupils.</p> <p>For pupils who don't do their homework they do this at break time in school as a consequence. When we previously had homework club this blurred these expectations of what should be completed at home.</p> <p>Parents like the Magic Club although they felt at first this was quite costly – they feel it it worth the money as the children are thoroughly enjoying learning the tricks.</p>

	Action; To continue to offer a wide range of extra-curriculum activities
FOD's (Friends of Dewhurst)	<p>As a parent of a pupil at this school this automatically means you are part of FOD's (Friends of Dewhurst)</p> <p>Last year was a little disappointing as we didn't manage to hold a Summer fete due to limited support. FOD's will be holding an AGM Friday 10th November between 9-10am where events for this year will be discussed and we are hoping new members will come along to discuss ideas.</p> <p>Action; To hold an AGM as soon as possible to try to organise a Christmas Fete and plan some events for this year</p>
Jigsaw PSHE; Personal, Social, Health and Economic education	<p>Parents were very enthusiastic and feedback some really positive comments about our new PSHE scheme which brings together Personal, Social, Health and Economic education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a lesson-a-week programme which happens every Friday afternoon.</p> <p>Designed as a whole school approach, Jigsaw provides a comprehensive scheme of learning for Foundation Stage through to Year 6 and does this through a mindful approach.</p>

As agreed at the last meeting a **parents forum email address has been set up for parents who are unable to attend meetings**; parentforum@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk Please let us know your views regarding any of our current agenda items so they can be raised at the next meeting.

Our next Parents Voice meeting will be Friday 12th January 9-10 am – Tea/Coffee available

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask or email me

Kind regards

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