**Parents’ Forum Agenda 01/10/19**

**Present: Julie Massen, Jill Hackney, Gemma Scott, Rachel Stanley,Katie Ashton, Hayley Robinson, Rebecca Heath, Jessica Harborne**

1. Responses from parents regarding best days/times to hold Parent Forum meetings

It was agreed that the best day and time to hold the Parent Forum meetings is on Tuesdays at 2:45pm

Action – to resend the Parent Forum letter out to parents. Rachel, are you able to resend this to me, please?

1. Use of the sports field – discuss

Mrs Massen talked about the difficulty in accessing the field with heavy vehicles (i.e. ground maintenance vehicles) after and during wet weather. She explained that if this problem can be overcome, the school field will be in a better condition for longer to cater for school and community use.

Action: Parents to recommend Companies able to assist in laying an MOT patch at the entrance to the field.

1. Converting the playhouse into a library – discuss

Mrs Ashton offered to take a look at the work involved in converting the playhouse into a library. This offer of help was welcomed.

Action: Mrs Massen to make the playhouse key available to Mrs Ashton and arrange a convenient day when the playhouse can be looked at.

1. Yoga club for parents and children

Response from Julie Cosgrove:

*Yes I would def be interested, a Friday is good for me but after the half term if poss.*

*I am running a family yoga class in mow cop on Saturday 12th at mow cop community hall so this could be a good starting point for the parents to join in. Also, I’ll perhaps see if the office will email something out to parents that I’ll type up later .*

*I think cost wise will depend on numbers and rent, I’m thinking a block booking and maybe charge £4.50 a class ? but am open to suggestions*

This suggestion was well received by members of the Parent Forum.

Action: Mrs Massen to invite Mrs Cosgrove to write a letter to the parents about the yoga club.

1. Mad science club

Mad Science After School Club:

November – Assembly led by the organisation

Flyer to go home

Mad Science Club to commence in Spring Term

8 weeks = £7.75

Sessions 3:15 – 4:15

Parents pay online

There was much interest in the Mad Science Club, expressed by the parents.

Action: Mrs Massen to liaise with the Company to arrange a whole school assembly in November. Members of the Parents Forum are welcome to attend the Assembly.

1. Educational Residential Visit Rota

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| Year Group(s) | Year A + Month | Year B |
| 3 | Petty Pool Northwich (1 night) – June | |
| 4 | Edgmond Hall Centre for Outdoor Learning, Newport (2 nights 3 days) – March/April | |
| 5 + 6 | Conway Centre Anglesey  (2 nights 3 days)  September / Oct | Robin Wood Maes-y-Nant Wrexham  (2 nights 3 days)  September / Oct |

**Petty Pool**

**1 night £90**

**Edgmond Hall**

**2 night + 3 days**

**£155 incl coach**

**Robin Wood all inclusive**

**Mon to Wed**

Sep £213 Oct £170 Nov £139

**Wed to Fri**

Sep £233

Oct £193

Nov £164

+ coach approx. £20

**Conway Centre**

2nights + 3 days £159 includes full outdoor experience

Availability Sept 2020 9/9 – 11/9 30/9 – 1/10 All Nov

+ coach approx. £20

The Educational Residential Visit Rota was well received by the parents.

1. AOB

* Parents enquired about after school sport clubs for children. Mrs Massen discussed where the school is up to in looking for new providers. Two Companies were recommended by parents – Little Athletes and ASM Sports

Action: Parents to provide more information about these Companies

* There was some concern, expressed by parents, about boisterous play at playtimes. Mrs Massen discussed measures that have been put in place to encourage appropriate play / discourage inappropriate play.
* Private music lessons provided by peripatetic teachers visiting the school was discussed. Mrs Massen explained that the school had not been able to secure a replacement piano/keyboard tutor and that there had been very poor guitar lesson take up.

Action: The school to send out a questionnaire to parents asking them if their child is interested in private instrumental lessons.

* Parent Pay – the question of using this type of payment system was raised.

Parents to find out if other schools our size have successfully introduced this payment system without it being of huge cost to the school.