



# **Abacus Primary School**

## **Parent Forum – Meeting Minutes**

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**Date and Time: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Venue: School**

### **1) School expansion update**

Miss Danniells informed the forum that the planning application has been approved but Essex County Council were now looking to change contractors. This will now result in a slight delay, however the build is still going ahead and they will be taking 60 children in September as previously agreed.

The build may not be completed until April 2017. Work is likely to start in June/July. Essex County Council are attending regular Governor meetings to keep all those involved fully up to date on the arrangements.

Miss Danniells confirmed that at this stage of the planning the surface of the all weather pitch has not been specified.

Miss Danniells hopes to have an update on all aspects of the build after Easter.

### **2) Music lessons**

Jan asked if there was any way the school could organise music teachers to come into the school for private lessons. Miss Danniells confirmed that she had been in contact with Essex Music Service and that years 3-4 would hopefully be starting recorder classes.

If parents are interested in private lessons Miss Danniells has suggested speaking to her directly so she is able to gauge how many children would be interested. She can then take this to Essex Music Service to see if this is something that can be arranged.

### **3) Mother's Day lunch feedback**

All members of the forum were in agreement that this was a lovely way to spend time with the children. The organisation on the day was excellent.

A lot of parents had been in contact with the office to check the date/time and menu choice before the meal and it was agreed that it would be helpful if the office could send out confirmation nearer to the day to help resolve this.

### **4) Play in a day**

All parents thought that the play in a day was brilliant and well received by the children. This had been arranged with an outside company for children in years 3 and 4. This is instead of the Christmas production.

## **5) Parental engagement opportunities**

**Miss Danniells was interested in parent's thoughts if there should be other opportunities to become involved in the school community. Parents were in agreement that the school involves parents in lots of activities, many more than other primary schools in the area.**

**It was noted that it would be helpful to change the days around when there are activities for parents, however everyone was in agreement that this can be difficult due to commitments already in place such as swimming.**

**Meeting closed at 5.40pm**

**Next meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Signed:**

**Date:**