

**Parents' Forum (Buckland Brewer) Notes from the meeting on 18/03/19  
(7 parents attended plus COG VCOG and the Head teacher) 14.30 - 15.30**

**Questions/Points raised by parents**

**Non- Pupil Days**

Previously the possibility of grouping non-pupil days together to give a long weekend and also at the end of term had been raised.

Some of those present felt that the summer holidays are still too long and would prefer the non-pupil days to be spread throughout the year whereas as others liked the suggestion.

It was suggested that a compromise would be to alternate the spread over a two-year period.

**Response- The leadership would consider this when planning the use of NPD for 2020-21**

**Clubs**

A parent raised the possibility of having more team sports clubs such as Netball, cross country and entering into competitions and festivals. The question was raised concerning whether Y1 children could be included within these sports. Discussions also took place regarding tennis clubs and whether these could be increased.

The concerns were noted and it was pointed out that

- the tennis club can only run when the coaches are available
- Y1 children can be included where possible dependant on a safeguarding risk regarding their stature
- The lease on the school playing field is imminent and should be in place during the summer term.

**Response-E HT would discuss with PE coordinator the possibility of planning to enter more Federation team events**

**Back Gate**

There have been issues recently regarding the back gate not being open at 8.50. The EHT confirmed that new fencing and gates should be installed during the Easter Holidays although regrettably it would not be possible to have an electronic release. It was felt impractical to have the cleaner open the gate as she leaves the premises at 7.30.

**Response: The EHT undertook to review and remind staff to ensure the gate was open on time and asked that if problems persist that parent notify her.**

**Homework**

Following the points raised at the last forum regarding marking it transpires that set homework is being marked but that where extra homework has been completed this is not always being acknowledged which is demoralizing for the child. This had been raised by the parent with the class teacher but had not been fully resolved.

Response: The EHT undertook to review the marking policy and discuss with the teaching staff

### **Toddler Group.**

Due to the current small numbers the Friday morning toddler group has been moved from the village hall into the school.

The question of safeguarding was raised concerning the school toilets which was perceived as an issue as these could be used from both directions by both adults and school children simultaneously.

- The integration of the toddler group had been 'risk assessed' and a further review of this and the 'sign in' documentation would be undertaken.
- It was pointed out that as and when the numbers increase sufficiently the toddler group would revert to the village hall.

A further suggestion was raised whereby the Parish Council could be approached for a donation towards the running costs of the facility.

- Lucy or Laura to follow up.

### **Parent Forum**

It was noted that the previous Parent Forum took place in summer 2018 and a request for more frequency was made. Response: EHT confirmed that forums should take place termly but occasionally internal events means that finding a convenient date has been difficult.