



## Parent Forum meeting – Monday 4th March

**School Representatives:** Mr R.Dedicoat (Headteacher), Mrs L. Southgate (School Administrator)  
**Parent Representatives:** A.Rawlings (R), K.Parker (Y2), T.Muhlbauer (Y1), L.Gardiner (Y.3),  
A.Drummond(Y.4/5),  
S.Keeble (Y.5/6), M. Walls (Y.3 & Y.5/6)

### Apologies:

## Minutes

Mr Dedicoat thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

### Matters carried over from previous meeting:

**Playground monitoring (R)**- Some parents were concerned that older children were using inappropriate language and playing games which resulted in smaller children getting hurt and upset.  
Comments received from other parent reps is that there is not a consistent approach to behaviour and playground rules from staff, for example who the children are allowed to play with.  
Mr Dedicoat assured the parents that this issue had been addressed in the past but he would review it again.

**Action:** He would be happy to meet with the Reception parents to discuss this and would speak to the staff.

**Messages getting to children and parents (Y3)** - This related to a specific incident that a message had not been passed on from the office to a child regarding collection and had caused concern.

**Action:** Mr Dedicoat would look in to this and remind staff of the importance of passing on messages.

### New agenda items

**Y.2 spellings** - Many parents feel that 20 spellings a week is too much. Both children and parents are struggling and many feel deflated. A discussion followed of what the expectation is.

**Action:** Mr Dedicoat confirmed that the homework policy was being reviewed but would ask Miss Morton to address this with parents at parents evening this week.

**KS1 SATS - information session (Y2)** - parents would like some information regarding the upcoming SATS in Year 2 and how to support their child.

**Action:** Mr Dedicoat agreed to send out some information to parents.

**Concerns over supply teachers and general inconsistency (Y4.5)** - parents suggested that a text message be sent out to notify them when there is supply cover in class.

**Packed lunches** - still concerns from parents. Children who have packed lunches were being offered left overs from school cook.

**Action:** Mr Dedicat to speak to the cook.

**Any other items**

**Speech & language screening** - parents had asked if this is a normal process in the reception class. Mr Dedicat confirmed all children have a baseline assessment when they start school to address any concerns. This is standard policy in schools.

**Breakfast Club** - Mr Dedicat had created a survey to complete on line to seek opinion from parents if they thought a breakfast club would be viable at Shotley School.

**Values at SCPS:** Mr Dedicat would be sharing the values with parents that the staff thought best suited Shotley School.

**Parenting courses:** Mrs Southgate asked if parent reps could ask parents if they would be interested in having parenting courses run at school such as Triple P as she would be looking into organising these in the near future.

**Next meeting:** Monday 1st April at 2.30pm