

## Parents Forum

### Present:

Apologies from - Miss Briody, Miss Anderton, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Whalley

*Staff:* Mrs Waterworth, Mrs Bate

*Parent Governors:*, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Aspinall,

*Parents/carers:*, Miss Fairhurst, ,

### Overview of the meeting:

Welcome to everyone and thank you for attending today.

**Christmas Fayre** – The amount raised was around £650. School would like to thank all parents who donated and attended. A special thank you to volunteers who helped on the stall on the day.

Discussion about school buying their own Candy Floss and Popcorn machine for future events, possibly also a Candy Cart and “test your strength” machine too. Staff would look into this. It was suggested that we could use some of the money raised at the Fayre to buy these products.

**Non Uniform Day** – to help raise money for the Easter Disco would be held on the 17th February. Wear something red. Letter to go out nearer the time.

**Easter Disco** – The disco would be held on Thursday 30th March. KS1 and KS2 would be separate like last time. £3 per ticket and children would receive a drink hotdog and crisp or sweets. We may also have a tuck shop this time.

**New parents** – Despite sending a text out no new parents had come forward. It was suggested perhaps sending out the agenda on the next text so parents know what we are discussing. Mrs Waterworth to do this next time.

## **AOB**

**Photographs** – Miss Fairhurst raised issues about quality of the school photograph prints. There was some packaging issues when hers were delivered and frames were damaged (which were replaced), Miss Fairhurst felt the cost was too expensive. Miss Fairhurst asked if school get revenue off pics, Mrs Waterworth didn't know but would look in to this. Parents said they did like the class ones that were done. Parents also asked if parent with siblings got a discounted price and also if school monitored how many parents purchased them. Mrs Waterworth to speak with Mrs Whalley about possible other companies.

**DVD of nativity** – Mrs Smyth asked if we could we get someone in to record the nativity for parents to buy? Mrs Waterworth to look into this.

**Holidays in term time** – Mrs Smyth asked about the recent court case in another authority which had been in the news. She asked where school stood on allowing children with good attendance to have a set amount of holiday absence authorised. Mrs Waterworth explained that school fall in line with Wigan Local Authority and do not authorised holiday in term time. Parents whose child has unauthorised absences may receive a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

**Reading Shed Update** – Mrs Waterworth said that there had been a number of delays with the Reading Shed and getting it ordered and fitted. The money raised at the last Christmas Fayre would be used, however we wanted to ensure we purchased one which would be long lasting. School have one in the Reception Playground and provided it last well in the weather we would be ordering the same one. Mrs Smyth gave a number of a reliable contractor.

**Bag packing** - Suggestions about raising money by children bag packing was made, however it was felt that this would have to be done out of school time and on the weekends. All agreed staffing this would be difficult.

***Next Parent Forum meeting:***

- ***Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 9am***