



# CAEDMON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Parents Forum Meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Present at meeting:	Mr C Wisby, Head Teacher	Patricia Morris, Y4
	Mr A Symons, Chair of Governors	Charity Heblj, Yr1
	Dawn Darling, Yr 2	Mark Wilkinson, Nursery
	Irene Jones, Yr 2	David Donaldson, Nursery
	Debra Wilson, Yr2	Chris Scott, Nursery
	Irene Bloomfield, Yr2	Stacey Ashton Nursery & Yr5
	Jo-Anna McGillvary Yr 1&2	Kelly Wombwell, Yr 1
	Amanda Harbertson, Nursery & Yr 2	Lynn Newton, Rec
	Gemma Tote, Governor, Rec & Y1	Philippa Swanston, Admin Officer
	Danielle Thompson, Rec	

Mr Wisby explained to the group that Miss Hanratty was gravely ill and that he had told the children in assembly today.

Mr Wisby explained that the rewards system in school was to be relaunched to motivate the children in areas such as maths, writing, good manners etc.

The group were informed about a writing competition recently held in school where the winners were given £10. The self-portrait canvases were due to be displayed in a gallery when parents would be given the opportunity to view them all and purchase their child's.

Mr Wisby ran through the minutes from the last meeting in November. He explained that our overall attendance has improved and that the children who achieved 100% attendance in the autumn term were all given a certificate and all the names were put in a hat and 2 were drawn, they were to be given £30 worth of vouchers of their choice. Yr 5 won the class attendance

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for last term and as a treat were being taken to Pizza Hut. Reception class were being taken to a Chinese restaurant as a reward for having the best attendance so far for a reception class in the autumn term.

The parents asked how the school paid for the treats and questioned why the parents had not been asked for a contribution. Mr Wisby explained that we had had work done to the school which would normally have been paid for by the school budget but we had managed to have the work done free of charge which freed up the money in the budget for treats for the children.

Parents asked if there was any update on the caretaker's house. Mr Wisby explained that they would have the costs of refurbishment by the next Governor's meeting and they would be in a position to make a decision then.

Mr Wisby explained that teachers had been completing pupil progress sheets for all children in school to decide what they were going to teach each child over the next 6 weeks. This was a new initiative to track pupil progress.

Mr Wisby asked the parents how they were finding the new arrangements for the start of the day. Parents said it was working well except where they had children in the nursery and young children in school who did not want to wait in the line, Mr Wisby suggested that maybe those children might feel comfortable waiting with the teacher.

Parents raised the issue of when children are being brought out at the end of the day that some children leave the line to go straight to their parents. Mr Wisby confirmed that he had considered painting a line on the yard which parents would be required to stand behind.

Parents also raised the issue of the external gates being left open during the day. Mr Wisby confirmed that signs had been ordered and would investigate again having a spring fitted to the pedestrian gate to ensure it self-closes.

Parents asked if it would be possible to have a bell fitted to the nursery door. Mr Wisby confirmed that he would have one installed.

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Parents raised the issue of accessing the school office at lunchtime. Mr Wisby confirmed that the staff stagger their lunches wherever possible but he would look into cover over the lunchtime period.

Parents asked if there were any plans to have more after school clubs. Mr Wisby explained that at the current time staff are being asked to take on extra duties after school so do not have the capacity, he confirmed that he was making enquiries from outside agencies but a lot depended on high numbers of children attending which has been an issue in the past.

Date of next meeting:  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00 - 10:15.

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