Notes from Parent Forum meeting 14.3.24

Parents' speak	SLT: Rachel Rowe & Mary Nethersole
After school club snack	It was confirmed that as part of their snack the children are offered a range of fresh fruits, vegetables as crudites, some protein foods such as cheese as well as bread or crackers. After School Club are always looking to improve their offering and have taken on board feedback that some parents would like the children to have a greater range of protein items available. They plan to include items such as eggs and yoghurt more regularly as a result.
School dinners - could the menu be more varied?	It was discussed that changing the menu would mean going out to tender for a different provider and that would be at a cost. This would mean that the money spent would be prioritised over something else. The cook explained that when she puts the menu together, she takes the children's views into consideration. For example she was offering varied types of fish but the children disliked the salmon and therefore were not choosing it, leading to waste and upset from some of the youngest children who found it hard to understand that the type of fish on a Friday would be different each week. Further to a conversation at the last meeting, Herts catering confirmed that meal options on a Monday are meat free.
School Reports- why in the Spring term?	Clarification was given that reports for Y1-Y6 are written in the Spring term for the purposes of identifying targets to be worked on while the children are still in the same year group. This allows parents and teachers to work together to help the children to meet their targets across the summer term. Parent Consultations are held in the Summer term for further discussion about the child's learning, progress and

	attainment. Results of any formal testing e.g. Y6 SATS, Y4 multiplication tests and Y1 phonics screening are all reported in the summer term.
Communication by the parent forum reps	It was decided that the rep for each class would send out a message prior to the meeting to gather any questions from other parents. Parents reply in the group or individually. For those not in the WhatsApp group parents can email the admin email address marked for the attention of the parent forum Rachel and Sharon will remind parents of this in the next newsletter to all parents.
More opportunity for parents to come into school	'Stay and play' in EYFS will continue as part of our transition program for new children and parents, including those in our Nursery joining our Reception class. Discussion about reintroducing family reading and library open sessions. Mary and Rachel will follow this up in discussion with staff. Workshops have taken place such as Building Blocks in YR and maths across the school by Mrs DuPlessis. Further workshops to be planned for next term such as phonics and writing in Y1
Communication	Apologies were given for the short notice given to parents regarding the recent Y3 Assembly and Y4 Production. It was discussed that more notice will be given to parents about events coming up such as class assemblies and class productions.
Forest school	This will begin again in the Summer term.

AOB:

Ruth reported that a new representative for Y2 is joining the parent forum group.

NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 9TH May 6.30pm

Thursday 27th June 6.30pm