

Nanpean Community Primary School

PARENTS FORUM



Focus: 1) Reading Karate 2) Playtime safety 3) Swimming 4) Parent volunteering 5) Parent parking	Attendance: Ms Marsden (Headteacher) + 4 parents	Date: 2/3/16 9:00am
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Notes of meeting	Action
1) Reading Karate A parent asked why the reading karate wristbands have to be handed back when children gain their next colour band. Ms Marsden explained that we feel this is the most efficient way of doing this reward scheme for the following reasons: the bands purchased will last for longer, children won't be heavily distracted with 7 bands up their arm, and bands are more likely to be lost or discarded if just kept at home. When children achieve their black wristband, they are able to keep this one and then continue through the colours again.	
2) Playtime safety A parent asked when the net will be purchased for the playground because some children are being hit by the football. Ms Marsden explained that the school council are currently putting a wishlist together of playground equipment so we should have it over the next couple of weeks. However, the net will only create a barrier to stop children running into the football area. It is very rare that children get hit by the football because children know they mustn't kick the ball above waist height, and lunchtime supervisors monitor this carefully. A parent asked what will happen when there are 210 pupils on roll because the playground will be very busy. Ms Marsden replied that this will be assessed nearer the time and could be overcome with staggered lunchtimes rather than using the class outdoor learning areas.	
3) Swimming It was asked what age have swimming lessons. Ms Marsden explained that KS2 (Year 3-6) have swimming lessons in the summer term on Tuesday afternoons. A parent asked why KS1 don't have swimming lessons. Ms Marsden explained that it takes up a lot of the curriculum time and would take even longer with the younger children.	

4) Parent volunteering

A parent asked if they are allowed to offer their time to listen to readers. Ms Marsden replied that the school is always looking for parent volunteers and if anyone is interested, please approach the classteacher in the first instance or herself if parents would rather volunteer in a different class to their own child's class. The school would have to do a DBS check on any parent volunteers first though.

5) Parent Parking

A parent asked whether more parent parking is being looked into or whether a 'drop-off' area could be created. Ms Marsden explained that there is not enough space for a drop-off area. However, the use of Imerys' land on the Drinnick site opposite the school for parent parking is still an option. We are currently awaiting a new School Travel Plan to be carried out by Cornwall Council before we can proceed with this. If we were able to use the Drinnick site, it would provide parking for 50-60 cars. A parent offered to pursue getting speed bumps installed along St George's Road. Ms Marsden agreed this was a good idea and is happy to support this.

Next parents forum: Tuesday 12th April at 9:00am