

Parent Coffee Morning Minutes: Wednesday 9th November 2016, 10.00am

1. Bow School app

Suggestions:

- Alerts to appear on mobile phone to inform parents of events, Parents Forum etc.
- Links to the website, Twitter etc.

2. How to find out what children are eating in school

Parents suggested a basic school menu could be uploaded to the school website to inform parents what is available for their children.

Some children say the lunchtime queues are too long so do not have lunch.

3. Topping up cards

The top-up card machine does accept the new £5 notes.

If students forget their card, they can still have lunch but will be last. Their card will need to be topped up the next day.

4. PTA

At least 8 parents need to be fully committed to a PTA – a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Primary school PTA's run events such as summer fayres, winter craft fayres, quiz nights etc.

5. Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities

The second SFSC session is on Thursday 10th November 2016 at Bow School.

6. Coffee Mornings

Ideas for how Coffee Mornings could work:

- a theme for each Coffee Morning
- professional's/speakers
- informal setting

7. Communication

Coffee Mornings/Parents Forums to be added to each newsletter.

Philosophy For Children (P4C) – children attended Cambridge University and photos were tweeted and uploaded to the school website, keeping parents informed of the trip. Parents would like more communication like this.

Next Parent Forum: Wednesday 7th December 2016
Refreshments: 9.15 - 9.45am
Parent Forum: 9.45 - 10.30am

Agenda suggestions:

- Extra-curricular clubs – encouraging children to attend
- Jack Petchey Award – children to be informed so they can work towards achieving an award
- Revision book recommendations for year 11 GCSE's – a pack for parents of different revision guides, websites etc.
- Doodle/GCSE update for new parents at the Parent Forum
- Update on Behaviour Policy

Next Coffee Morning: Wednesday 18th January 2017
10.00 – 11.00am

Agenda suggestions:

- Ideas on how to encourage children to complete their homework