

Parents' Forum information (for website)

12 July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank all the 35 parents/carers and grandparents who joined us for School Games Day Open Lunchtime Event at Overdale Junior School on Wednesday 6th July 2016. About half the parents had a roast school dinner and we had many positive and encouraging comments regarding the dinners and the occasion.

It was also good to welcome our new school cook, Linda, who started her new job on the day! Some parents asked about portion sizes, especially for the older children. This is something we hope to address further in future. We are also aware that the dining hall can be noisy when there are lots of people in the room and the acoustics could be improved. We are also considering playing music in the hall at lunchtime and the possibility of soft furnishings to soften the sounds.

In addition we would like to thank the 6 or so families who joined us for the Parents' Forum end of year picnic on 21st June 2016. Parents and children enjoyed snacks and a social gathering to celebrate the work of the Parents' Forum this year.

It was suggested that perhaps we could have a Facebook page link on the website for the Forum to share information and encourage more parents to attend meetings and events. It was also suggested we put up termly dates in advance to give people notice of meetings. In addition another suggestion was to enable parents to communicate with the Parents' Forum in writing, via email or perhaps an online forum.

We would like to thank everyone for all their contributions to the Parents' Forum in the past year and look forward to another successful year in 2016-17 when we will have a number of new parents joining the school.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Cooper

Parents' Forum link teacher