



# Merry Hill Matters

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## Parent Voice

Approximately 25 parents joined me for the Parent Voice Meeting last Friday. The meeting consisted of a formal question and answer session. A very tangible outcome is the trial of a new format to signing up for Parents' Evening—see below. The wide range of comments and queries made on the 'Post it Notes' and questionnaire are attached to this Newsletter (where necessary I have anonymised the answers), and I will endeavour to answer these at the next meeting on Friday 5th March.

## New Sign-up Format for Parents' Evening

In response to parental requests, we are going to trial a new sign-up system for Parents' Evenings: Parents with siblings at Merry Hill will sign up, as usual, in the dining room on Tuesday 23rd February from 8.50am.

Nursery and Reception parents without siblings will sign up on the playground where their child goes into Nursery and Reception on Wednesday 24th February. A member of staff from Nursery and Reception will stand outside with a clipboard from 8.55am.

Year 1 and 2 parents without siblings will sign up in the Travel Shelter on Wed 24th February. A member of staff from Yr 1 & 2 will stand in the Travel Shelter with a clipboard from 8.50am.

## Year 2 Parent Meeting

A reminder that we will be holding a meeting for Year 2 parents at 2.30pm next Friday (12th) to explain about the Key Stage 1 teacher assessments and tests.

## Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded that under no circumstances must they park in the staff car park.

## Pupil Choice Menu

If your child has a meal provided by the school, please go through the Pupil Choice Menu with them and let them help choose their menu choice. Children sometimes say that they do not like a meal that they are given and say that they didn't choose it, mummy did!

## Rainbows Thinking Day/Founders Day

Monday 22nd February is the joint birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell who were the founder members of the Guide and Scout organisations. 2010 is also a very special year for Girlguiding as it is their 100th birthday.

All members of the Girlguiding organisation (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) are being asked to wear their uniforms that day. If your daughter is a 'Rainbow' and would like to wear her uniform to school on Monday 22nd February, please feel free to do so.

## Beavers

If your son is a 'Beaver' they are also allowed to wear their uniform on Monday 22nd February.

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