

Parents' Voice notes from Term 1 meeting – 22nd September 2015

16 people attended. The meeting was facilitated by Ruth Cochrane (Community Development Coordinator). Other staff attending were Khalif Noor (Somalia Achievement Manager) and Sam Hay (Playworker and More 4 Kids leader).

Item	Response / Action
Welcome	We welcomed people to the meeting and talked through the agenda for the morning.
Update on activities Ruth talked about the family swimming sessions at Easton Leisure centre which are on Saturdays 26 th September and 10 th October. After that there will be a break until Springtime! Parent courses this term are Drama, 'Time to Talk' (run by the speech therapist) and Maths level 1/2. There is an Open Morning next week and Ruth explained that this is an opportunity to see teaching and learning in action. We encourage people to visit classes other than just their child's class!	Texts will be sent out to all those people who have expressed an interest in our courses for parents. Open morning letters will be sent home this week.
Lunchtimes and Playtimes Sam Hay explained changes to the lunchtime arrangements in school. She talked about using the front of school as a quiet play area with reading, art and craft. She talked about the new team-working arrangements which are helping to ensure smooth lunchtimes for all! We discussed parents' views of our lunchtime arrangements and agreed that we would invite Mr Hardy to come to the next meeting to discuss this.	Questions and comments for Mr Hardy next time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ My children are happy and enjoy lunchtimes ❖ I came and observed lunchtime last year and it seemed well organised – can we arrange this again please? ❖ Can we make sure there are enough staff in the dinner hall so that if children need to ask for something they get a quick response. ❖ How do staff monitor some of the spaces in the playground that children can hide in? ❖ My child doesn't like the dinners – what can be done about this? ❖ My child didn't eat anything yesterday – how can staff help?
Visit to the Hub – our beautiful new learning resource base! Mrs Kyte explained that as well as a library, this is a space where children can do independent learning. All classes will come and use the Hub every week and small groups will also visit throughout the week. The Hub is staffed by Mez Kyte and Vic Johnson. There will also be groups and clubs running in the space.	People asked about how often will children use the space and whether there will be any classes for parents. Mrs Kyte explained that the Hub was only just open and we should 'watch this space'! One dad asked about the early morning Newspaper club which starts soon (this is 'by invitation').
AOB One parent asked about log-in details for BugClub and sumdog. We chatted about the new bookmark system in school which is designed to support parents as well as children!	Ruth agreed to follow this up. Log-in details should be on children's homework books. Miss Judge will come to a subsequent meeting to talk through these.

Next term's meeting date is: Tuesday 1st December 9-10 in the Community room