

**Next meeting:**  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.00am

# Frenchay C. of E. Primary School



**Who is invited?**  
Everyone who is a parent or carer of a child in Frenchay is invited.

**What is the parent forum?**  
It is an opportunity for parents and carers to get together with the senior leaders in the school to discuss aspects of school life. It gives us a chance to share ideas, listen to concerns or gather people's viewpoints. We really want this to be a positive experience for all.

## Parent Forum

**When will it be?**  
We will usually hold this meeting on a Thursday as it allows Mr Backett and Mrs Marks to attend. We shall try to vary the time to give all a chance to attend if they wish to.

**What will we discuss?**  
The agenda can be a mixture of items that we as a school. It might be aspects we want your opinion on, or things that you would like to find out more about. At the end of each meeting we can gather suggestions of topics for future meetings.

### Feedback from parents...

**What's going well?** Parents felt that the school has become more dynamic. It is a happier place to be and children are more engaged and identify with the school more. The changes to the playground have been overwhelmingly positive with all children really enjoying the activities and access to all areas. Parents felt that the handwriting is improving this year. The calendar and club timetable have also been really helpful. The newsletters are informative.

**What can we improve?** Some parent felt there was more of an academic focus this year. This was not necessarily a bad thing but it was good to have the opportunity to talk about the expectations in the curriculum and how important it is that we prepare our children for the challenges that they face. Parents expressed a desire for further clarity on how things are done here. This is something that we can certainly work on. We are conscious to aim for consistency across the school and increasing our information sharing so that clarity is achieved.

**Other suggestions?** Holding workshops for parents to show them how we teach aspects such as maths and phonics in different year groups. Information on the newsletter as to how to contact after school club providers.

**What happened at the first meeting?**  
We held our first meeting the other week. We talked about what parents feel is going well, what we can improve and also any other suggestions. It also gave parents a chance to ask us questions especially connected to the school expansion, the vision and direction we are taking the school in.