

Further responses from the Parent Forum Meeting 15th March 2017

- Grandparents' Day – When Tina returns on the 6th June, she would welcome a conversation to firm up ideas. Grandparents' day 2017 will be in October and we thought it would be a good idea to tie our day in with this national day.
- Wednesday Worship – Father Matthew is going to write something in the near future to go in the Bulletin to make sure there is no confusion between class Acts of Worship and the regular Wednesday Worship.
- Forest School – Therésa has already forwarded lots of information to Teri.
- Voluntary Contributions – Taken from a recent letter regarding a class trip:
“We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ x per child, this can be made on line via schoolcomms (our preferred method of payment) cash or cheque (payable to Leybourne School). The PTFA have kindly donated the cost of the coach and this has helped us to greatly reduce the cost of this trip. If we do not have sufficient funds from parents, it will not be feasible to run the trip. If you have any difficulties regarding the funding of this trip, please contact Mrs Jaggard or your child's teacher in confidence. “

We have checked with Tenax our Academy Trust and they have confirmed the following policy applied to schools within the Trust, this is an excerpt from the Tenax Charging and Remissions policy:

“Voluntary Contributions and day visits

Where the school cannot levy charges, and it is not possible to make these additional activities within the resources ordinarily available to the school, the school may request or invite parents to make a contribution towards the cost of the trip. The Trust recognises there is no obligation on parents to make voluntary contributions. Students will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request or invitation. However if the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions this will be communicated to parents in writing at the outset. If in the event the contributions are not enough to cover the event/trip the school reserves the right to cancel it.”

- Year 3 Sleepover – This is still under discussion as this is a project that Mrs Holditch introduced and she does not return from maternity leave until the beginning of June and we feel that she is the one that needs to make the final decision.
- All year round PE Kit – Year 1 upwards joggers, sweatshirt / hooded top, but they still need a plain white or school embroidered white T-Shirt and navy blue shorts. Plimsolls or trainers. PE lead will review this in September.