

Stanbridge Primary School
Parents in Partnership (PIP) Minutes



29th March 2012, 9.30 – 11am

Apologies: Jenny Tromans, Katie Hooper

1) Attendance

- The new parents attendance leaflet was shared with the group. A suggestion was made to add in information about how we award high attendance. We currently only award 100% attendance, but it was felt we should award 95%+ with a bronze, silver and gold award. Two parents volunteered to assist with the production of certificates each term, working with Mrs Amos in the office.
- There were thoughts about the cost of a holiday within half term holidays, with the cost sometimes rising to £1000+ for a family.
- The school has continual pressures to make sure children are in school every day and making good progress. We must be meeting attendance targets that are set.
- We discussed inset days – the school always tries to bolt these onto a holiday (start or end of a term) to assist parents in getting cheaper holiday deals.
- The new policy and leaflet highlight the need to move to holidays only authorised in exceptional circumstances. This is in line with all other primary schools in the Mangotsfield and Downend cluster. Downend secondary school also has a similar policy.
- This new policy would be introduced in September 2012 and phased in over one academic year.

2) New Library

- The murals are now complete.
- New carpet is being laid in the Easter holidays.
- Furniture has been ordered.
- A team of parent volunteers, lead by Mrs Tucker, are coming into school at the start of Term 5 to sort and organise all the books.
- The school has spent £2,500 on books for the new library. More money will be needed in the future to continue building a good selection of books.
- The library will be officially opened in Term 6 with a celebration event – possible celebrity to open it?

3) E-Safety

- We shared a parent pack about E-Safety – each PIP member took a pack to look at and this will be further discussed at our next meeting.
- Content for the website was recommended. Miss Bertham will send over info from South Glos for the parent section of the website. We now have an E-Safety section: <http://www.stanbridgeprimary.co.uk/esafety.html> with valuable information for parents/carers.
- We shared some information about our E-Safety curriculum. We will bring more information to the next PIP meeting.
- Parents expressed their concerns about children signing up to things online and the fact that many of them have their own email address to enable them to do this. We discussed where and when children surf the internet and the need for supervision and internet filters/security.

4) Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 22nd May, 9am – 10.30am in the Out of School Club Elliot Building

5) Topics for next meeting

- Follow up on E-Safety parent packs