



Priory Junior School
Parent Forum Meeting
3rd October 2018

1. Mrs Keefe thanked everyone for coming, and welcomed newcomers to the meeting.
2. Mrs Keefe talked through the purpose of the parents forum, to hear about developments in school, to ask questions, and provide feedback for the school. She reminded parents that it was not a place to talk about individual concerns – please approach us separately to discuss these.
3. Mr Grieve and Mr Coles talked to parents about swimming in the curriculum. It has been moved to Year 5 and will run in the Autumn and Summer term. However, they were keen to run swimming through the entire Year 5 year, if pool time could be secured. Parents asked questions about how swimming works – who teaches the children at the pool, and how it is set up. The cost implication of requesting 3 payments for coaches through the year for swimming was discussed. Overall, parents felt this would be a good thing to do, and that swimming through the year would be a good for the children.
4. The Daily Mile was also discussed by Mr Grieve and Mr Coles. This new initiative has been met with good enthusiasm. Parents asked questions about timings for children at The Base, and whether children could gain a stamp if they didn't quite finish their whole mile. It was agreed that they could. Parents also asked the school to consider how older children could be more motivated to take part – school agreed to look at strategies for this, including the use of play leaders to help. The school is also planning to run a range of different ideas to inspire and keep the children's interest levels going – parents liked this. Mr Coles and Mr Grieve are looking at installing a daily mile track, although these are quite high in costs but would mean it could run throughout the wetter weather. A range of ideas for fund-raising were discussed here – including sponsorship.
5. There was time to discuss possible future topics:
 - Year 6 homework to prepare for secondary school
 - Children's well being / mental health
6. Mrs Keefe thanked everyone for their contributions.