

# NEW FOR 2017 - The Ellingham Family Forum

This term we will be holding the first of our new termly Ellingham Family Forum meetings. These meetings will be an opportunity for parents, carers and other family members who have a regular connection with the school to have their say on matters that affect them and help the school to make decisions that are beneficial for all.

We know, for instance, that over the past year there have been issues, both positive and negative, about clubs, parking and school lunches. Building on the success of the meeting we held for parents about clubs, we feel that a Family Forum would give all stakeholders the opportunity to share experiences and concerns, develop a mutual level of understand and use feedback in a positive and improving way.

The 2017 meetings will be held at 2pm on the following dates:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

In order for the meeting to be as productive as possible we will be asking that questions, comments and ideas are submitted in written form prior to the meeting so that we can give the necessary thought and time to the issues and give answers where possible.

The meeting is open to all, but we are particularly looking for one or two parents per class who would be willing to act as Forum representatives. This would ideally be someone who is regularly on the school site and who could remind other parents about the Forum, collect and pass on to us any items for discussion and hopefully attend the meeting themselves. The school office will also be happy to receive items for discussion via email or letter. Please let your child's teacher know if you would be willing to be a Forum representative.

We will, of course, give a reminder, nearer the date, of the first Forum meeting but, for now, please put the dates in your diary.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Pakes  
School liaison and community engagement leader

