

Open Forum 23rd January 2015

- Library:
 - Mrs kumar explained that the library is to be re-painted and re-furbished during the half term holiday; staff will be removing all the books in the week prior to this.
 - Laura Carney mentioned that PTA are also coming to help remove books on Thursday 12th Feb 8pm.
 - Mrs Kumar mentioned that all the bookshelves , chairs etc will not be re-used so we will be looking for new homes for them.
 - We will probably still need to do more work even once the new shelves have been fitted – such as storage for the teaching resources.

- Community Coffee mornings:
 - This was an idea mentioned by Mrs Eldridge and staff quite liked it – that a lass would organise a coffee corning, inviting parents and other local residents. Parents of the the children would be asked to provide cakes and the children could serve these as well as provide games of bingo or similar.
 - It was suggested these would work if parents had a reason to be coming to school anyway, such as on a Friday for the achievement assembly.
 - It was also suggested that perhaps combining with an event such as the Community lunches organised by Christine would get a wider range of people coming.
 - Mrs Kumar will speak to Christine Cousins about this.

- Other news:
 - We are going to hatch ducklings in March for all of the children to share in the experience.
 - We hope to start a gardening club after half term.
 - We are looking at additional play equipment for the children – perhaps a climbing wall and tunnel.
 - The Swans class are going to do First Aid for a day with St John Ambulance.
 - The children involved in the opera are being recorded by Radio Suffolk next week.

The last item discussed was that of healthy eating and ‘when is a chocolate bar not a sweet?!’

Mrs Kumar explained that the principles behind our healthy packed lunch policy was that children could have a balanced diet, so just like for hot dinners, could bring a dessert type item, but this should not be something considered a sweet.

Mrs Kumar agreed to look for some helpful information to send as guidelines to parents, although in the dining hall, it had not really been seen as an issue. Occasionally, children point out that someone has a sweet chocolate bar and they are politely asked to eat it at home that evening.