



**Notes from a Forum meeting held at Sithney CP School on
Thursday 28th March 2019 at 3pm**

PRESENT:

Emma Stritt, Executive Head teacher
 Pat Nicholas, Senior Secretary and minute taker
 Alice Mount, parent
 David Pilgrim, parent
 Rebecca Howard, parent
 Helen Neil, Assistant head teacher

IN ATTENDANCE:

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	<p>Mrs Stritt welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained what the Forum was. Those present were asked to share their views on what the school was doing well, and also any areas where the school could do better.</p> <p>The main points discussed were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents present asked if there could be more reminders about these kind of events; the poster advertising the Forum meeting overlooked by many and it was suggested that it could be laid out more simply in future. • Sport was highlighted as a strength of the school; although it was pointed out that only three Sithney children had attended the cross country events. It was agreed by staff that while the information appeared regularly in the school newsletter, more information should be shared with parents about these events. • School funding was discussed, and parents asked if there were likely to be any demonstrations in Cornwall in support of fairer funding. This was unlikely, however; parents may like to share their views with their local MP. Sithney was in the fortunate position of having four classes, each with a teacher and teaching assistant. • Parents enjoyed the pupils' match reports on the newsletter, and heard that this could be extended to include pupil articles on the website. Pupils' views would also be sought for the Forum meetings. • The meeting discussed the possibility of involving parents in clearing overgrown areas in the garden and school field, as part of next terms 'Dig for Victory' topic. This would also help to create a closer community among parents; new parents in particular, can find pick up and drop off 'a bit daunting' when they don't know many people. • Parents will be approached to help with the preparation for the new log cabin i.e. clearing the ground and installing the base. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents were encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher about any issue; if they cannot answer the query, they can direct parents to the right person.• Mr Birchall joined the meeting briefly to talk about a Lottery funding bid which had been submitted to improve the playground equipment and markings.• Parents asked if there could be opportunities for outdoor play before morning lessons. Staff explained that this would need adult supervision, and staff were busy preparing for the day. Breakfast club was available up to 8.45am, and they often had activities before school; in addition there were lunchtime activity clubs and mile a day events happening. <p>Mrs Stritt thanked everyone for attending, and asked them to spread the word to others ahead of the next Forum meeting in the summer term. There would also be more reminders via text and the school Facebook page.</p>		
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The meeting concluded at 4pm

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