



# SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

## Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Parents' Forum follow up:

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the latest Parents' Forums took place last week and I was again glad to see those parents who took the time to come and discuss the following items:

1-I was able to inform parents that we have had record numbers of dads, grandads and other male role models who have expressed an interest in joining us for "bring your Dad to School" week which started today at both schools. Well over 100 dads and other males had filled in the form and are coming in to spend time with their children's class which is excellent considering this is the first year we have done this. One parent at West Minster asked, why dads, and I was able to explain that dads are harder to engage than mums for a variety of reasons, so this was why it had been a focus.

2-Sports day, coffee mornings, school fair and other events dates were given but please keep an eye out on face book and for letters advertising these also.

3-Congratulations were given to Robin Mc Dowell who has been elected as your parent governor this term and he has already attended one Full Governing Body meeting and is about to attend a committee meeting also. Rob was the clear winner in the election but I was delighted with both the fact that three parents stood and so many parents actually took the time to vote in the election so huge thank you from me.

4-I was able to inform parents of the dire budget situation the school is in at the moment losing a fair amount of government funding over the next three years as they are financing schools in a different way from next year. This will mean some having to be raised such as breakfast Club and asking for donations to enable the excellent school trips that we offer to take place next year. All parents at the meeting understood the situation the school is facing over the next three years and I welcome their support in this issue. A letter will be going out to explain these budget issues further, later in the term.

5-SATS tests have been completed at both schools and we are again expecting the year 2 and year 6 children to have done very well. They and their teachers have worked their socks off this year and so deserve to be successful.

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I was slightly disappointed with the low turnouts at both schools for the forums this term and would urge all parents to come along as this is a great way for me to meet you personally and for you to find out first-hand what is happening at the schools in the federation and how we are moving things forward here.

The next Parents' Forums will be in September and I will write and let you know in plenty of time when these will be taking place at both schools. If nothing else come and have a cup of teas and a croissant or piece of toast.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Davies', is displayed within a light grey rectangular box.

***Steve Davies (Executive Head Teacher)***