



LGB Questions for Autumn Term Meeting 2015

Questions from Neil Rudd

School Meals

- **Natalie (my daughter) is a vegetarian in year 6.**
On two occasions this term when she has had school dinners there has not been a vegetarian option. On those occasions she had to just have mash and peas. Also, the portion sizes are apparently the same for all children - i.e. perfect for a year 1-2, but for a year 6 they are inadequate (and she is left hungry afterwards). I appreciate that the kitchen staff need to get the amount cooked each day about right to minimise wastage, but they should maybe factor in different appetites. Of course I only have Natalie's word on this and she is not averse to exaggerate sometimes, but for her to keep mentioning it suggests there is an issue - one which, I imagine, would be fairly easy to resolve. Knowledge in moderation.
 - A vegetarian option is available everyday on the menu. On occasions, the vegetarian option is proven to be more popular than the meat version. Liz, head cook, is aware of portion sizes and tries to make sure children have as much as they like within reason. Sometimes towards the end of service, when food quantity is limited, portion sizes are reduced to ensure that all children receive food.
 - Having the opportunity to eat in a number of other PAT schools OV portion size is by far the largest. However what we can look at is making sure different children are last to be served.

Questions from Alan Bosley

OV Hub

- **Shortfall on building project. Can we discuss how this will be managed and whether we have explored all sources of funding to ensure the building is finished to usable standard.**
We now have heating back in the price with an additional 'loan' from PAT premises team. Plans for carpeting are being discussed, Dawn will be on the case to raise funds. We are also making sure that the money OV raised last year is carried forward for forest school developments and for finishing the building
- **On a long term outlook. There is building on every fringe of towns in ND. What are the plans to provide schooling to the new residents? Where are the schools planned to be? Is there a likelihood of a local "PAT" with OV to make a northern hub?**
There is a north Devon infrastructure plan (Amy can you provides a link). Pat has already had initial talks regarding new schools / free schools in North Devon with the Simon Niles at DCC. This is high on the PAT agenda for growth within north Devon and to create a northern Hub. The discussions with Pilton School are part of this plan



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OV Intake

- **Intake of pupils this Autumn. Can we have numbers please? Are they showing the expected upward trend?**
See school profile sheet

Harvest Festival

- **The recent auction was both fun and impressive. I think Dawn was the inspiration but congratulations to all involved.**
Dawn does a great deal of work to bring the OV team together and make this a special occasion and such a success. Your thanks will be appreciated