

Appendix 2; comments from schools regarding the proposed pattern of term and holiday dates.

Comment on the 13/14 calendar, 8 days over Xmas was too short and 6 weeks and 1 day over the summer was too long.

Fordingbridge Junior School

I think the proposed term and holiday dates for 2013/14 look sensible to me. The children really do need a fortnight at Xmas and the idea to knock it off the summer break is sensible.

Shakespeare Infant School

Having discussed this with staff, we would all agree with the HCC proposal to return to school on 6th January rather than 2nd (which would be terrible!!)

Clanfield Junior School

1. Very strong feeling that half term week in the Autumn is too late, and should be the week 21-25 October, NOT 28 Oct - 1 Nov. This gives seven weeks prior to half term, and eight weeks after, but given that the last two are largely taken up with Christmas related activities this is much more suitable. To start the first term with eight long weeks is a hard slog for the children.

2. All other dates as proposed are fine.

3. The question was raised as to why we have not adopted a six term model, and called our terms 1-6.

4. In view of other political comments this week, most staff would much prefer to have a four week summer holiday break, but only if there was a two week break in October and a two week break in May/June for Whitsun. No-one wants a two week break in February.

St Martin's East Woodhay Primary School

We have discussed your proposal regarding the pattern of term and holiday dates and we support your proposal that the Autumn Term starts on Tues 3 September so that a longer Christmas break is accommodated.

The Wavell School

I have discussed the proposed scheduling of term and holiday dates for 2013/2014 with staff and the governing body. The only comment made echo's your notes being that the autumn term 1 will be 8 weeks long. Staff and governors appreciate spring term 1 starting on 6th January 2014.

Castle Hill Infant School

Having consulted here at KFJ I'd like to report that those who've responded have indicated a clear preference for the Hampshire Christmas version - 3 weekends and returning on 6th Jan, rather than 2nd.

The biggest complaint was another Summer holiday with 2 half weeks/6 weekends, rather than 6 whole weeks and 7 weekends. Finishing on Friday 25 July and returning on Monday 8th Sept would only be one extra day - take from start of Easter hols?....was the suggestion.

Kings Furlong Junior School