**Read this POEM and then answer the questions**

**The Bell**

1. I am the bell

I rule the school

1. When I ring

Classes snap to attention

Anyone who ignores me

Risks a detention

1. When I ring

Latecomers start running,

Teachers put down their coffee cups

And sigh.

Playground games stop.

Children line up.

1. I am the bell

I carve the day into chunks

I summon everyone to assembly

And decide when it’s time for dinner.

1. I’m in control

Everyone listens to me

With my shrill voice

I can empty the playground

And the staffroom

1. In an emergency

I can clear the whole school

In less than three minutes

1. I am the bell

I rule the school

By John Foster

(A) What power does the bell have in Stanzas 2 and 3?

(B). “I carve the day into chunks” (Stanza 4) Explain in your own words what you think the poet means by this line

(C). “I rule the school” Why do you think the poet describes the bell this way? Give reasons for your answer.

(D). Do you think the descriptions in this poem present a true impression of school? Give reasons for your answer.