

PARENT PANEL Meeting - Wednesday 22nd March 2017 - 2.30pm

Present:

Mrs S Williams (Deputy head) Mrs D Williams (Business Manager) Mrs A Chafer (Learning Mentor)

Miss Taylor	Mrs Dickinson	Mr & Mrs Ambrose	Ms Mercer
Mrs Baker	Mrs McCool	Mr & Mrs Baker	Mrs Whittaker
Mrs Maxwell	Mrs Amey	Mrs Swinney	Mrs Brogden
Mrs Kusners			

CLASS DOJO:

Golden Time no longer takes place as a reward. Class Dojo's are awarded and collected - 2500 are needed by a class collectively to receive an award. This can then be taken termly in the form of a class party/film/DVD afternoon/sporting activity etc. The class will choose their own activity. Any children who have behaviour issues will have minutes taken away from the afternoon reward. Parents expressed concern that not all Dojo's were being updated daily - Mrs Williams will follow this up.

READING:

Concerns were expressed over the inconsistency regarding reading/book changing in KS1/Year 3. There has been a new structure put in place in these areas and the children are in the process of being re-assessed. This is on-going and hopefully the new structure that is now in place will stabilise and the children can move on.

SOFT GOVERNANCE:

Parents who hadn't attended the Soft Governance meeting asked for clarification. Mrs Williams explained that after a review a Soft Governance had been formed with Frederick Gough. Mr Lawrence (FG Head) will now offer support and guidance to Oakfield alongside Mrs Williams as Acting Head. A senior Chair of Governors will work alongside our Chair of Governors to also offer support and guidance. Areas such as monitoring/ pupil progress/attainment/measures for improvement are all being monitored and termly meetings are now taking place at a senior level re the position of the school. The Local Authority are pleased with the progress made, what has been put in place in a short period of time and the sustainability.

KS1 POSITION:

Parents expressed concern over the recent changes in KS1. Mrs Williams explained that for the time being the Y1/Y2 children were now being taught as 2 Year 1 classes and 2 Year 2 classes. A senior team has been taking the children for Maths/English and extra booster sessions within school. We are lucky to have good quality supply teachers in KS1 at the moment. The situation will be re assessed as and when the teachers on sick leave return. We are currently interviewing for a new teacher for Year 3 to replace Mrs Ibbotson and will be appointing to start after Easter. We hope that the successful candidate will be able to spend time in school before the Easter break so the children can get to know him/her.

HOMEWORK - KS1:

Homework has been random/variable and optional in the past but as part of the assessment process taking place this will become more structured - please bear with us! We will also be reviewing our Homework Policy.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:

We have overhauled our school website - please visit it. It is an on-going work in progress and will have all current newsletters/information etc. Some parents were having difficulty accessing our school Facebook page as it is a closed group. A new letter will be sent out to all parents explaining the process.

SCHOOL EVENTS/FRIENDS OF OAKFIELD:

Parents asked about future events - Red Nose Day/Easter Disco/Easter Raffle have all been arranged. A plea was made for new members to join the Friends of Oakfield group to help fundraise etc. A letter has been sent home and a meeting arranged for Thursday 30th March at 9.00am.

TREE PLANTING:

Parents acknowledged that the children had lots of fun when they took part in the tree planting exercise in the rain!

LOTTERY FUNDING:

Parents were impressed by the new fitness equipment that has been installed in the playground due to our Lottery bid (£10,000) and a donation from the Friends of Oakfield group (£1,000). We are currently in the process of applying for several other bids and hope to be successful.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

Next meeting: Wednesday May 24th at 2.30pm