

PARENT PANEL Meeting - Wednesday 18th October 2017

Present:

Mrs S Williams (Acting Head Teacher)

Mrs D Williams (Business Manager)

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KS1: Parents queried the new class/staffing structure in place in KS1. SW explained that there were now clearer targets/milestones in place and extra provision for SEN/Pupil Premium pupils. Observations were more frequent and drop-ins were regular - officially and unofficially. There are marked improvements and HMI were happy with the new lower class sizes. Parents queried the use of Education City - SW explained that this was no longer being used in school and had been replaced by Active Learn.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION: Concern was expressed regarding the loss of part of the playground due to building works. SW explained how the children were being supervised with all TA's on duty at break times. Adverts were out for 4 new Lunchtime Supervisors and the school was hoping to appoint 2 in October and 2 in January. RB (HLTA) and LJ (EYP) were to continue to oversee lunchtimes in the Dining Hall. All Class Teachers have lunch with the children on a rota system to promote good behaviour and social conversation.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Parents were informed that it was hoped that a new Head would be in place by January 2018. All classes are covered for the forthcoming term and staffing would be revisited after the appointment of a new Head.

ROBINWOOD: Parents queried the staffing for the Robinwood visit - SW explained that the Year 6 staff would be accompanying the children along with Mrs James (EYP) in her role as a Governor.

BOOSTER SESSIONS: Booster sessions would once again be taking place for Year 6 before and after school. Booster sessions are to be made available after half term for Year 5. Any parents who would like to wait in school while their children are at Booster classes are welcome to wait in the Library. Boosters will also be held in school at lunchtimes for certain Year 3 and 4 pupils focusing 2 days on Tables and 2 days on Phonics.

LIBRARY: It is hoped that the Library will be open every lunchtime and break time - children will be chosen as Reading Leaders and 2 Teaching Assistants will be available.

HOMEWORK POLICY: Concerns were raised regarding the homework given/not given to pupils across the year groups. Staff are looking at reviewing the Homework Policy - Governors will be sending out a questionnaire and a new policy will be created taking into account Parent's responses. Pupils are expected to read 5 times a week alongside spelling/additional Maths. Creative homework was proving problematical and was therefore no longer happening - it was also hard to administer in school.

READING: SW thanked parents for the all the reading done by the children over the Summer holidays - there had been an excellent response. Children will have a chance to take part in Extreme Reading over the October half term.

PARKING: Parents again raised concerns over the increased inconsiderate parking by some parents. It was agreed to purchase a large banner to be displayed on the school fence reminding parents of the dangers. The school are fighting a continuous battle with this issue but will continue to try and remedy the situation.

CLASS DOJO: Parents expressed concern that there are still issues regarding the DoJo system not being consistent across the classes/year groups. There were no problems with the Foundation Stage as this was updated daily. It was agreed that this would continue to be monitored closely in the Autumn Term as a permanent staffing structure was now in place which hopefully would lead to consistency across the school.

On a positive note parents were very happy with the "Friday Round-Up" sent to all parents which includes comments/photographs of activities undertaken that week in all Key Stages.

NURSERY: Parents asked how the new Nursery was progressing. SW confirmed that the building works were on schedule to be completed for a Spring Term opening. The LA have confirmed that 70% of the funding will come from the DFE and 30% from the LA's Devolved Capital. There will be no cost from the school's budget.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Next meeting: **To be arranged in the new term.**