

PARENT PANEL Meeting - Wednesday 31st January 2018

Present:

Mrs S Williams (Head Teacher) Mrs D Williams (Business Manager) Mrs A Chafer (Learning Mentor)

Mrs V Whittaker Miss Taylor Mrs Brogden Miss Clapson Mrs Swinney Mrs Maxwell

FOUNDATION/KS1: Parents expressed concern that frequency of Reading had decreased recently. SW acknowledged that there are 2 members of staff absent through illness in Foundation at the moment and that this is being addressed. In KS1 improvements were continuing. There has been several 'drop ins'/class scrutiny and lots of challenge and support for the NQTs. Half termly reports are sent to the Local Authority. All pupils (except Foundation) are now taking part in weekly programming sessions as part of the PPA afternoons.

NURSERY: The build is now completed and we have welcomed our first children into the Nursery Unit. Due to a later completion date than we had hoped for the unit was not signed off until during the Xmas holidays therefore we could not advertise as being open from January. Many parents had already secured their funding for elsewhere (the cut off date was 31st December) but we are very hopeful that all our places will soon be filled. We will be advertising places very shortly. A new Early Years Practitioner has been appointed and will join us after the February half-term.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION: Now the building work is completed we have all the playground space back. We have also appointed 4 new members of lunchtime staff and are currently working towards integrating new/old staff. School Buddies now help out at lunchtimes and breaktimes and members of staff continue to have lunches with the children on a rota system therefore encouraging/modelling good behaviour. Buddies help to escort the children back to their classes after the lunch period.

ACTIVE TIME: Natasha Cooke from the Sports Partnership is working closely with us in school to promote Health Schools. 2 members of staff have been on a course re Active Time in school and we have also implemented the 'Mad Mile' in the Hall at breaktimes. All classes take part on a rota system - Mon Y1/Y2, Tues Y3/Y4, Wed Y5, Thur Y6, Fri - Open session alongside staff. At lunchtimes happy music is played at 1.05pm - KS1 children line up and march on the spot for 5 minutes before walking into school and at 1.10pm this is repeated by KS2 children. Several children were being developed as Play Leaders.

ROBINWOOD: The visit was once again a great success. The behaviour of the children was excellent and a credit to the school. The Year 6 pupils will visit Robinwood this year from 21st -> 23rd September.

BOOSTER SESSIONS: Booster sessions are once again taking place for Year 6 before and after school. Booster sessions are also now available 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 are also held in school at lunchtimes for certain Year 3 and 4 pupils focusing 2 days on Tables and 2 days on Phonics. Booster sessions are taking place after school for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

LIBRARY: The Library is now open every lunchtime and break time - children will be chosen as Reading Leaders and 2 Teaching Assistants, Mrs Parkes/Mrs Bryan are available. Any child who has not managed their 5 times a week read can go to the Library at break/lunchtimes.

HOMEWORK POLICY: Governors will be handing out a questionnaire at the Parent's Evenings after half term (this will also be made available on the school APP). 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.

PARKING: Parents again raised concerns over the increased inconsiderate parking by some parents. Recently there have been incidents where some parents have been verbally abusive to other parents/residents. This will not be tolerated and the Police are following up all reports made to the school. A large banner is displayed on the school fence reminding parents of the dangers of inconsiderate parking. 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 but acknowledged that many improvements had been made. All staff should upload at least 1 photo to DoJo/Facebook on a weekly basis and this had proved to be very positive.

READING: Concern was expressed that in some cases not all Guided/adult supervised reading in school was being recorded in the Reading Record books. SW will follow this up with Class Teachers.

PARENT PAY: It was agreed that school will make enquiries regarding using a Parent Pay system for School Visits

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

Next meeting: **Wednesday 14th March at 2.00pm.**