

PARENT PANEL Meeting – Wednesday 14th March 2018

Present:

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

Mrs Brogden Mrs Baker Mrs Swinney Mrs Maxwell

FOUNDATION/KS1: SW explained that the Supply Teacher covering Miss Vessey's Maternity Leave had left us and has been replaced by Mrs P who is with us 3 days per week in Foundation. The children are responding very well to her and building good relationships. Miss Brady has returned from sick leave and is back in class 2 days a week. Miss Vessey is due to return to school in June. Unfortunately as a result of the recent bad weather/wear and tear the canopy outside the Foundation Unit collapsed. Structural Engineers/Loss Adjusters have been on site to assess the damage and a new canopy will be built to new specifications and fitted as soon as possible.

NURSERY: We have welcomed our first children into the Nursery Unit and they have settled very well. Our new Early Years Practitioner, Mrs Taylor, has joined Mrs Shipley in the Nursery unit full time and Mrs Drant is covering lunchtimes. The next funding deadline is 31st March ready for starting after Easter. We are now advertising places and we are hoping to be full for September. The LA is supporting us in completing the outside areas re: resources/shelters/landscaping. There will be an official opening in June by the LA which we are hoping to link in with parents/pupils - singing/performances and an event on the School Field.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION: Playtimes/lunchtimes are now more structured as we have additional staff leading activities and modelling to new staff.

ACTIVE TIME: Natasha Cooke from the Sports Partnership is still working closely with us in school to promote Health Schools. The "Get Going" programme has been implemented along with "Healthy Ambassadors". It was unfortunate that due to sickness/weather conditions some of the Healthy Eating Sessions had to be re arranged as they were very informative.

PUPIL GROUPS: Our Buddies are working alongside the younger children. The Staying Safe group are going to be working on a project re the inconsiderate Parking outside the school. Our Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl are taking on duties in school helping to escort visitors and have also attended the Spring Term Governing Body meeting where they presented as very confident. They are being exposed to many different opportunities at the moment and are rising to the challenge.

ROBINWOOD: The Year 6 pupils will visit Robinwood this year from 21st -> 23rd September. We still have places available for any Y6 child who would like to attend. It is an excellent opportunity for teambuilding and there will be lots of follow up work when the children return to the classroom.

BOOSTER SESSIONS: Structured Booster sessions are once again taking place for Year 6 before and after school and there is also an open door policy every day from 8.30am for all Y6 when they can access their own personal learning. 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. SW will be attending training after Easter re accessing bids that are available for the school. We have been chosen as one of 6 schools to Pilot reading in Yrs 3,4 and 5. There will be 4 days free training available re the right elements of reading ie: vocabulary of text - to increase pupils' vocabulary they need to be exposed to a variety of text - this is a challenge for many children..

HOMEWORK POLICY: The results of the recent questionnaire are being collated by the Governors. We are in the process of overhauling all our School Policies. The local Safeguarding Officer recently looked at our Safeguarding/Child Protection policies and confirmed they were completely compliant. As a school we are very pro-active and SW has requested a review re Safeguarding in the Summer Term. All staff will also update their Safeguard training in the Summer Term. All Teaching Staff take part in a Safeguarding Scenario weekly re our safety initiative.

PARKING: Since the Police and Parking Officers were a visual presence the situation has calmed down slightly but we are still fighting a continuous battle with this issue and will continue to try and remedy the situation.

CLASS DOJO: Parents agreed there had been some improvement but not all staff were consistent. SW explained that it was a non-negotiable that all staff should upload at least 1 photo to DoJo/Facebook on a weekly basis and also send positive messages to individual pupils. This creates better relationships with parents. SW will follow this up with Class Teachers.

READING: Concern was expressed that in isolated cases reading books were not being changed for several weeks but overall parents were pleased that there had been consistent improvement. SW will follow this up.

PARENT PAY: Several local schools were contacted and there was a positive response so a demonstration in school has been arranged. Parents at the meeting volunteered to trial the system for us if needed.

SCHOOL VISITS: Mrs Maxwell recently joined the pupils on a recent visit to Magna in Sheffield and was very impressed with the pupils' excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. It was noted that the Local Museum is now holding event days for schools.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday** at **2.00pm**.