

## PARENT PANEL Meeting - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Present:

Mrs S Williams (Head Teacher)      Mrs D Williams (Business Manager)

Mrs Brogden   Mrs Baker   Ms Clapson

**FOUNDATION/KS1:** SW confirmed that Miss Vessey would return from Maternity leave after half term. Mrs P has been covering her absence and the children have responded very well to her and built good relationships.

**STAFFING:** Mrs Redfearn and Miss Smith have been appointed as Assistant Heads and now have Leadership responsibilities. There were 3 vacancies but only 2 were filled on the day. The decision to appoint Mrs Redfearn/Miss Smith was unanimous by the interviewing panel. Mrs Abrams is the Phase Leader of Years 5/6 and Mrs Thompson is the Phase Leader for Years 3/4. Miss Burnett has taken on the role of SENDCo for the school. Mrs Redfearn/Miss Smith/Miss Burnett will be out of class 1 day per week to carry out their new roles but there will still be structure in the classes on those days.

We were asked about staffing for September. Mrs Williams explained that staffing had been arranged and that children/parents would be informed about the new classes after half term. Transition will start w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June and continue to the end of term.

**NURSERY:** Tenders are being sought by the Authority to replace the canopy that was destroyed. Newby Leisure are on site developing the outside Nursery area with some fantastic outdoor play areas. They are also refurbishing the Adventure Playground, replacing the Gazebo cover and levelling the area outside the Year 1 classrooms. This work will hopefully be finished in time for the Official Opening on June 5<sup>th</sup> to be attended by Local Authority representatives. We are hoping to have another 'Opening' to link in with parents/pupils - singing/performances and an event on the School Field. The numbers for the Nursery are increasing steadily.

**OUTSIDE AREA:** The school grounds are in need of an overhaul! We are in the process of getting quotes to have work carried out around the boundary edges. The grounds need nurturing which is an opportunity for the pupils to take responsibility for the outside areas. We have a Pollination Grant that we are looking to spend and would love to work towards installing Picnic benches around the field for the children. The Friends of Oakfield continue to fundraise for the school and their ultimate aim is to provide an outside learning space for the children.

**SATs:** The children all had a brilliant attitude towards SATs. We are very proud of them! A Breakfast Club was opened for the Y6 children during SATs week which was very well attended.

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION:** Playtimes/lunchtimes are now more structured and Natasha from the Sports Partnership will be working with groups of children re Playground games.

**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".

**PUPIL GROUPS:** Our children are still taking part in lots of initiatives around school. The 'Staying Safe' group, accompanied by Mrs Oades, have been outside the school in the mornings and at home times taking note of the

parking issues the school has to deal with. Many parents on seeing the children in their 'Hi-Vis' jackets decided to park in a much safer place than they normally would have!! The children enjoyed the experience which also gave them an extra awareness of the safety issues outside school.

**ROBINWOOD:** The Year 6 pupils will visit Robinwood this year from 21<sup>st</sup> -> 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 have now finished for Year 6 but there is still an open door policy every day from 8.30am for all Y6 when they can access their own personal learning. Booster sessions are continuing 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:** After re decoration the Library is now back open every lunchtime and break time - 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:** The results of the recent questionnaire are being collated by the Governors and the new Homework Policy will come into effect in September. We are in the process of overhauling all our School Policies.

**CLASS DOJO:** Parents agreed that there is continued improvement. Photo's and positive messages were now regularly being uploaded.

**READING:** All pupils should now have the opportunity to change their Reading books regularly.

**PARENT PAY:** A presentation will be held in school in early June and if it is successful we hope to have it up and running for September.

**SCHOOL VISITS:** A letter has been received from the Trolley Bus Museum at Sandtoft complimenting the pupils on their exemplary behaviour during their recent visit. They have offered a free Family Ticket so we shall organise a competition in school for one lucky winning family.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** We were asked if we had anything in place re: Mental Health for pupils and staff. Both Mrs Chafer and Mrs Redfearn have undergone training and are 'Mental Health Champions' for the school. We have a Well Being Policy in place for both staff and pupils.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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