

PARENT PANEL Meetings 2.00pm & 6.00pm – Wednesday 28th March 2019

2.00pm Meeting – Present:

Mrs S Williams (Head Teacher) Mrs E Sidaway (Admin Officer)
Miss Taylor Mrs Baker Mrs Brogden Miss Lambie Mrs Maxwell

NURSERY: Nursery numbers have increased and several parents are paying for top-up sessions for their children. We will be full in Nursery after Easter which is really good news!

FOUNDATION: Foundation numbers have increased this year, back to two full classes in September. Foundation at present has 30 children, these will go as up to year 1 as one cohort. Staffing structure hasn't been finalised yet.

STAFFING: Mrs Herrick has now started her maternity leave – baby due any time now! Mrs Hoyle left at February Half Term to be a full time Mummy. Mrs Lowry has replaced Mrs Hoyle and is covering Mrs Herrick's Maternity leave. Mrs Lowry is a very experienced teacher who will be with us hopefully for 1 year. We have had a teaching and learning review by the Local Authority over the past few days, to check out our provision and assess the whole school, Mrs Lowry has fitted in incredibly well – really happy to have her on-board.

MAINTENANCE: All school was redecorated last summer, it will now be a case of touching up on a rolling programme. Carpets have been replaced in a couple of classrooms upstairs. Mrs Thompson's classroom will be the next to be replaced. Foundation will then have what is in the nursery at present. It will be more durable and easier to keep clean. Nursery is due to be painted the same colour as the rest of the school.

GARDENS/GROUNDS: Grounds maintenance – have been maintaining the prickly bushes at the front.

FIELD: Our sports days have always been at the bottom of the track due to the uneven ground, over the past few months our grounds maintenance have been filling in with top soil and seeding, this year the sports day will be held near the school now, this will be easier for access to toilets, teas & coffees and the PA system. Sports day will be held in the mornings this year – by holding the events earlier this gives us more time in July if needed to change due to the unpredictable weather!

The Friends of Oakfield continue to fundraise for the school and their ultimate aim is to provide an outside learning space for the children.

We have a pot of money from the Government. What we would like to do with the money is to create an outside Library, we have seen a log cabin which will hold full classes. Ideally we would like to have it located outside next to the library. The cabin can also be used for wellbeing and pastoral groups.

The present library could be used as a group room or maybe a DT centre, we could have portable cookers and science equipment located in there.

Christmas Panto will be going ahead this year, once I know my numbers for September we will book tickets. We will be doing more fund raising to go towards this visit. If you have any new ideas for fundraising let us know.

PLAYTIMES/LUNCHTIMES: Lots of extra new playground equipment has been purchased and playground leaders have undertaken training using our Sports Premium money. Pupils can access the 'Fast Mile' in the Hall, the outside 'Mile', the Adventure playground, the Fitness equipment, Skipping groups, Connect 4, Jenga,

Football, and Hockey at break times/lunchtimes. Looking forward to some nicer weather so the children can go outside and enjoy learning sitting on the new benches on the field. Library is available playtimes & lunchtimes, we have a basket of books ready to go outside for children to read on the field.

PUPIL GROUPS: Our children are still taking part in lots of initiatives around school. All groups continue to be very much involved in the running of our school. We have a group of children that help out with worship and a group of children that help out in foundation, this is working really well.

STUDENT COUNCIL: School council - take active roles in school, supporting other children. They continue to work really well. We now have the fish tank set up, we have talked about a tortoise maybe a non-hibernating one? We need to talk to staff regarding looking after during holidays.

Star of the week children - come to my office at break and have a hot chocolate and biscuit instead of sitting at a table at dinner time.

BOOSTER SESSIONS/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Our Booster sessions continue to be well supported. Boosters were held in the holidays, Year 6 will have their SAT's after Easter Week Commencing 13th May and KS1 have their SATs in the month of May.

We have a wide variety of After School Clubs they have all been very popular this term, they continue to free of charge apart from Paddy's multi-sports.

BREAKFAST CLUB: The Breakfast Club continues to be very popular with an average of 30 children attending each morning. The children are offered toast/cereals/fruit/juice/milk or water and enjoy various activities led by staff members.

READING RECORDS/JOURNALS: They have worked really well this year, we have decided to get them again for September, and the only change will be the 5 reads at home and the school reading section that needs to be adjusted to record reads on those days. Stamps have been purchased for stamping reading in school or by a reading leader. Those children that don't read at home are signposted to a reading leader.

HOMEWORK: Parents agreed there was a good standard of Homework although a concern was expressed over some of the spellings their child/ren received. Homework - Statutory spelling lists, spelling in the context of a sentence. During the review it was noticeable that our children's vocabulary is becoming much more varied.

BEHAVIOUR/DOJO: Dojos - Are they happening? Improvement in consistency but depending on timing, better than it was. It needs to be that day, you can't catch it back when you need to address anything with the children.

BIKE SHED: - It's lovely to have the opportunity for children to ride their bikes/scooters and you provide the facility to store bikes, but it has become a focal point for a group of mischievous boys! SW will ask Mrs Chafer to go out and speak to them, maybe if there is a list and if the same names are on that list they can come into me for a little chat, if it continues we will then have to notify parents and they will not be able to ride to school. Paddy could also be situated near the bike shed during mornings.

LUNCHESES: Mrs Maxwell - I think it's really nice that Oakfield give the opportunity for parents to come in for lunch, I think it's really invaluable, it's such a lovely experience for parents to share their lunch with their children.

PARKING: Barrier has now been replaced. Movement on the parking SW has received a few emails, a few parents have been very persistent with North Lincolnshire Council Highways and they have been out to assess the parking situation. There is talk of a crossing and extending the double yellow lines. Fantastic news!

This meeting closed at 3.15pm.