

PARENT PANEL Meetings 2.00pm & 6.00pm - Wednesday 25th September 2019

2.00pm Meeting - Present:

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

- School priorities
- Diary Dates
- Matters arising
- Autumn Term
- Community work going on

NURSERY: Last time we met we spoke about the Nursery, numbers rising several parents are paying for top up sessions - Autumn term is always a slower start. Miss Field is in Nursery who is a qualified teacher.

STAFFING:

FOUNDATION: Foundation numbers have increased this year, back to two full classes. Mrs Berry, Miss Vessy and Miss Hancock.

YEAR 1: Mrs Redfearn will be going into year 1 with these children. Mrs Shipley will be the EYP in that class and a teaching assistant

Miss Field is now in Nursery, Miss Field has a lot of experience in Early Years.

Miss Vessy is now the Foundation Lead, however Mrs Redfearn in her position as Assistant Head will oversee Nursery, Foundation, and year 1.

There is no split year 1/2 classes now.

Year 2 Miss Dougan, Mrs Thompson is going into year 2, Mrs Thompson is our phase lead she will line manage Miss Dougan and work together to get the children ready for KS2.

We have a new teacher NQT going into year 3 Miss East, Mrs Beacher will be going into the other year 3 class. In year 4 classes we have Mrs Summerland and Mrs Lowry in the other year 4 class who will be joined with Mrs Herrick when she returns from her maternity leave spring two. The two teachers will job share.

Miss Smith will be the year 5 class teacher just as a one class, it's a small class of 32. We will still keep the two classes but Miss Smith will do central input then they will move into smaller groups to work.

Year 6 have 48 children in class this year, Mrs Abrams and Mr Nothard, Mrs Abrams is a phase leader and will lead year 6.

Transition worked really well in June & July a six week transition, the transition days gave an opportunity to iron out any niggles or worries.

MM - Think this has been the longest transition period I'm aware of, but my children really benefited from this. SW- A lot of schools do the last week with their new teacher, we would struggle to do that here as where would the year 6 children go? And we like to have an enjoyable last week of primary school for the year 6, we have a school trip, leaver's assembly and the children do a performance to their parents and school.

MAINTENANCE: Paddy has done some maintenance over the summer holidays.

GARDENS/GROUNDS: Grounds maintenance - We have come out of the local authority contract now and have sourced our own gardeners, their doing a really good job and the gardens are looking much nicer.

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!

We are extending the track for the KS2 children for distance races. Not every child will want to do the distances but the facilities will be there.

NEW LIBRARY: The library is going where the shelter is now, this is going to happen in October half-term. We will then look at the present library and look at what we can use this space for? Maybe a DT centre, we could have portable cookers and science equipment located in there.

Vinyl floor has gone down in the foundation area now and looks really nice.

Christmas Panto will be going ahead this year, it's all booked for the last day Thursday, and it says on the diary dates that Christmas jumpers can be worn for the panto but we've decided that school uniform is a must. The staff last year at the pantomime were amazing!

We're going to do an activity to raise some funds to go towards the trip, we're going to do a colour run, the sports partnership are involved to help raise some funds towards the pantomime. The date we're thinking is the last day of term before the October half term.

PLAYTIMES/LUNCHTIMES: New playground equipment has been purchased, were onto a new academic year now so we have some new playground leaders, they will be involved in the playground leader training.

HOUSE COLOUR T-SHIRTS: All children will be wearing their house colour t-shirts for sports day and events, children will be able to wear their house colours. T-shirts will be kept in school and can be worn when they participate in team sports activities. This is going well when children are split into teams.

BOOSTER SESSIONS/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Our Booster sessions continue to be well supported. These will be offered to years 5 & 6.

We have a wide variety of After School Clubs again this term, they continue to free of charge apart from Paddy's multi-sports. Young Voices had to be a charged trip.

MM - think it's amazing that you offer so many free clubs.

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. We offer a good deal for £1. A member of staff drops her child off at breakfast club and they charge £4 per session, we only charge this amount to help parents.

PARKING: Mr Logan is doing a great job with the parking restrictions. Mr Logan sent emails to chase the progress, just waiting for a response. Parents should try and park further away from the school and then walk to school, this will make the roads nearer to school a lot safer.

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. These have now been distributed. We're really happy with the journals and have lasted much longer than the flimsy paper reading records.

HOMEWORK: Parents agreed there was a good standard of Homework although a concern was expressed over the quality of the copies, sometimes they are difficult to read, we now have a new photo copier so hopefully this will improve the copier quality.

BEHAVIOUR/DOJO: Dojos - last time it was decided that dojos need to be on that day, you can't catch it back when you need to address anything with the children. Agreed by all panel that this is happening. All classes have their own iPad, so teaching assistants can issue dojos whilst the children are working on that activity at that time.

BIKE SHED: -Panel agreed that there has not been any issues so far.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES: This term is reading, it's increasing the pace of reading so that children read more in a shorter space of time. The reading paper for KS2 SATs paper the word count increased substantially so as a school we have to respond to this and address this. We have got a variety of activities to increase reading pace.

Vocabulary Wider Curriculum - to develop even further, developing our subject leader's keen eye across the school.

DIARY DATES: Autumn term - these have all been sent out to parents.

- Christmas concerts / activities
- This half term with have the Big Talk workshop for all children and parents meeting.
- Robinwood residential visit
- Poetry workshop Ian Bland /every child will get the opportunity to participate in a workshop / staff workshop / parent workshop
- Red watch fire service programme - to work with the Year 6 children

100% ATTENDANCE:

This is something we need to celebrate those children coming into school, this is something we have talked about since coming back in September. We would still like these children to be recognised, maybe with a certificate handed in class by the class teacher?

ELECTRICAL STATION: Gathering a lot of litter, is there a way of clearing the litter? Suggestions of maybe putting screening up?

This meeting closed at 3.15pm.