

# Minutes from Parents Forum on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 6pm

Attending : **Staff**: Mrs Neveu, Mrs Oldroyd, Mrs Perry, Miss Robinson and **Governors** Chris Davies and Sue Ross. **Parents** 3 Mr Davies, Mrs Litchfield, Mrs Williamson.

- 1 Mrs Neveu began the meeting by highlighting the **School Development Plan** for this academic year. She showed the Current Priorities as published on the school Website. These are presented in a clear way for parents, concentrating first on areas of teaching and learning for example; diminishing the gap for vulnerable pupils, ensuring Greater Depth equality for boys and girls and raising standards in reading and maths, as well as continuing to improve other areas of school life such as governors increased involvement with school life, replacement sheds and exploring an outdoor music area, to name just a few.

PTFA have agreed to help fund the replacement of the laptops, which are much needed.

**Q** A question was asked about if targets were set. The Head stressed that very detailed plans/data were held by class teachers for each child but the parent SDP is a much simplified version. Each subject leader has a development plan and governors come in to monitor. Already this term the staff have held 3 book looks.

- 2 **Recent data** was shown (interim until half term), indicating that the school is well above national scores for attainment and progress in KS1, KS2 and EYFS. Results were excellent. Last year the school was top of its cluster of 10 similar schools and a similar position is expected. Parents were aware how in our small school one child can be 10% of a group and therefore SEN children have an effect on data but still all make progress.

Parents commented on the new Homework books, which they found to be excellent. There will be sessions on SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths for parents to help them understand what is expected there.

**3 Sports Premium.** School has been awarded the Gold Sports Mark. 98.5% of pupils took part in after school clubs last year and 89% were sports clubs. 52% take part in sports out of school. It is not clear what the criteria for spending the extra Sports Premium money will be yet but it might be used for Health and Wellbeing Passports to engage families in a healthy lifestyle, one of the latest Gov initiatives.

**Q** A question was asked about whether the Mile a Day was still happening? Yes, and quotes will be considered for a proper track around the field and a mound for playing on. This was welcomed!

#### **4 Attendance ,Homework, Pre-School, Laptops**

Attendance is good overall. No unauthorised attendances.

Homework is set regularly and consistently each week, focusing on reading, reading comprehension and spellings as appropriate to age. My Maths programmes are also used. Parents were consulted and were supportive on this topic.

Pre-school numbers are good on the 3 mornings with just a few spaces in the afternoon sessions. Fund raising will continue to support the group.

PTFA have good plans for this term, Rags to Riches, Book Fair, School disco, Enterprise / Christmas Fair. Funds raised pay for things that make such a difference such as the iSing Pop sessions last term. Funds for the new lap tops will be the focus this term. Thanks to them for their great efforts of support.

#### **5 AOB**

Questionnaires have just gone out to parents and those returned so far are all positive.

Attendance this evening is very low so it is hoped that shows that parents are very happy with everything. **Q** Is 6pm difficult for parents with young children? Maybe after school time is better?

The Forum was advertised in newsletter and school calendar of events. Is there a need to set up some form of alerts to flag events?

The meeting closed at 7.05. Thanks go to all staff that stayed on to attend and for their hard work in school. Also thanks to the parents that attended.