

Parent Council Meeting - 01.10.19

Mrs Badgers Update - This year's Academic plan was explained with the following key points covered:

1. To further update ICT equipment. General overhaul needed, update programmes etc. SLE to advise and work with /support staff
2. IPEEL - Writing. To continue with the structure and tasks across the school, reinforcing methods. Maths No Problem (Singapore Maths) to also continue. Both will impact further with continued use.
3. SIAMs - Siams (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) explained and Parent Council informed of new framework. Inspection not due until 2021 but will revisit and start /adopt this now.

Parents had asked about the wellbeing of Mrs Todd. NB reported. Mrs Todd - Is now out of hospital. She is resting at home but has various side effects from the illness. During this interim period of Mrs Todd's absence, Mrs Badger will continue as Acting Executive Headteacher. On Mon-Wed NB will be at Bunbury, Thur at Warmingham, Fri at St.Oswalds. To strengthen the SLT (Senior Lead Team), Mrs Armitage is Acting Assistant Principal (Mon-Wed) and Miss Hickson would like to progress to a more senior role in the future and will be supporting school leadership on a Thurs & Fri for experience.

Outstanding Actions

PC minutes - to be uploaded to School website. KW informed this has been done. PC asked for text to parents informing of this and suggested paper copy of minutes available in the foyer - **Action KW**

Music For Life - NB informed that Alistair (head of MFL) promised improvements this year. NB asked PC to report back if this wasn't the case. PC felt the problem with lessons were isolated to one tutor.

Points Raised by Y6

Class Assemblies - were not held last academic year. NB confirmed they will happen this summer term. Parents to be informed of dates when possible. **Action - NB/KW**

Head Boy/Head Girl - General feeling of children feeling upset, confused and stressed over this. Felt the 2 weeks was too long for them to find out and the waiting was hard. Suggestion made that this could be done at the end of Year 5 with current Heads to aid or help. Mrs Williams also provided a list of other suggestions for NB. NB informed PC the process had been in place for some years and is good preparation for High School when a larger number apply for roles with a smaller opportunity for success. Changes to be looked into. PC asked if those successful were celebrated/parents informed. NB informed it was added to the newsletter. **Action NB/CH**

Sports Competitions - PC felt it was a grey area over the selection process, wanting to know how Mr Dooley decided who to take. PC said children are not asked if they want to be involved. NB informed parents of the selection process which is available on the school website under Mr Dooley's PE page. KW also informed that the competition timetable is available on the same page.

Old School Uniform - suggestions of sale for old uniform made. Two types of sale, private selling to be done via year groups Facebook. Donated uniform can be sold in school with proceeds to come back to school. A suggestion made that this could be done on parents evening. Clothes to be priced and hung on rail with honesty box/Y6 helper. **Action KW**

Xmas Fair - can the Y6 games room return? NB informed that this will return as the newly elected PTA will hold the Xmas fair back in school this year. It will be simpler, but will still have various rooms for children to see including: Y6 games, craft, Father Christmas, Story Telling and Refreshments.

Blazers - PC asked if the wearing of these should be enforced in some way? NB informed that the non-wearing of blazers is not always the child's fault and advised that a reminder of the correct uniform has been added to the newsletter. NB also said this will be enforced following half term when children are expected to wear winter uniform, letters will be issued to the parents of children not adhering to the school uniform – as a gentle reminder.

Points raised by Y3

Uniform - massive problem for a lot of year groups including Reception. Staff were generally helpful but there should have been better prepared with more stock - NB informed that Badged were let down their skirt/pinafore suppliers and a meeting has been held which we are waiting for an update on. Numbers on jumpers were underestimated by the store which will not happen again. KW informed that these are slowly arriving in store with the smaller sizes now in stock but not yet available online. NB to feedback. Suggestion of Badged to be present at parents evening. **Action NB/KW**

Holiday Club - disappointment over cancelled clubs. Feedback is that some club days are not long enough for childcare. NB asked PC what they think would work as we have tried different external clubs offering various activities yet uptake was still low. PC would ask parents via year group Facebook sites. KW suggested a parent questionnaire, this was agreed the best approach. It was also suggested that paper copies of the questionnaire could be issued at parents evening. **Action NB/KW**

Point Raised by Y5

Made by parent of Y6 leaver. Concern over too much focus on Tarporley High school transition when not all children go there. Suggestion of celebrating wherever they go. Can non-feeder children attend transition days to Heber? CH to query. **Action CH**

Points raised by Y1 & Y2

Children are happy to be back and are enjoying the topic.

Reading - not as much recorded in reading records from school. NB informed this was due to benchmarking at the beginning of term and will return to normal once completed.

SchoolBus - queries over eligibility. NB informed this was covered on the newsletter and said it was down to Cheshire East and applications can be made online. Link to be added to website. **Action KW**

Y1 Fruit - some children have missed fruit in the afternoon due to slowly washing hands. It was explained that fruit is given at the end of the day and children in year 1 will still be

learning new systems and unfortunately if they have taken too long there simply wouldn't have been time.

After School Club Activities - selection has been good, parents are happy.

EYFS - looks great.

Forest Schools - Y1 asked if their children will get to do this? NB informed that all year groups will do forest schools. It is currently Y2 and this will change termly.

Sporting Competitions - online system is much easier. System explained to PC by NB&KW

Birthday Cake - NB confirmed that birthday cake still cannot be bought into school.

Macmillan - coffee morning concerns over children choosing cake – NB explained that there will be a slight difference to last year, whereby each class will in turn go to the school hall rather than parents going into class.

School Dinners - mixed reports that school lunches aren't good. NB informed PC that we have a new cook and she has great ideas such as stickers for children and parent lunches (explained that each year will have the opportunity throughout the school year). KW informed that the new Autumn/Winter menu is being finalised, due to be served following half term. This will be published to parents as soon as it's available. **Action KW**

Pens Marks on Clothes - Efforts are being made to reduce this with the purchasing of art aprons from funds raised in school. Unfortunately with young children they do not have the best control, so accidents can happen.

AOB

Y2 Recorder lessons - This was missed by year 2 last year and parents have asked if it could resume as it was enjoyed by children. NB to speak with KC. **Action NB**

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 19th November at 3.30pm (tbc)