

Parents Forum 1st March 2019

Present: Sharon Hunt, Kate O'Kelly, Caroline Richards, Leanne Brown

Apologies : Marie Chappell

Absent: Amanda Walbridge, Fran Porter, Jenny Freeman

Feedback/follow up from previous meeting

- **Library Help**

Suggested that a request goes in The Reporter (this has now been done) and on FOS letter and school newsletter. New parent volunteers asked at meeting today. There are already Year 4 monitors.

- School Reading diaries (Maybe call it home time passports so they can't leave without them!)
- A new behaviour policy has been written along with a summary for parents which has been sent out to parents

Agenda

- **Outdoor area**

The play equipment is out of use currently. It is costly to repair and likely that it will not pass the test again next year and therefore be out of use again. Sovereign, who supplied the equipment have not agreed to honour the warranty and this is what has taken so long. Staff, Governors and parents have been liaising with the company to find a resolution but to no avail. We have also been applying for funding but sadly heard last week that it has not been successful. We are just about to put in a bid for Pentagon play equipment which would give us an even bigger and better playtrail but this will take time. I realise it is very frustrating but we are working on it. It is likely we will be looking for support to take down existing play equipment to let the ground get back to good, to keep costs down, ready for new equipment. I will let you know as soon as I know.

- **Communication to and from school**

School are looking at the possibility of setting up a Facebook page for school controlled by school which could be liked and shared but not commented on as a way to share with parents but crucially to raise awareness with the public and to attract new families.

- **School partnership programme**

We are part of DASP programme of school improvement through School Partnership programme. Three of our staff have been trained to be part of this and will be involved in reviewing other schools across DASP.. As mentioned in the last newsletter our review has already taken place and our workshop to plan strategies for improvement will be on 12th March. This is really exciting for us and I feel very passionate that it will lead to rapid,

sustainable school improvement.

- **School Reports**

Mrs Hunt discussed the possibility of changing the timetable for school reports so that the main report would be issued in February and a short summary issued at the end of the academic year. Parents present thought this could be a good thing as it would give time to make the improvements and act on the suggestions and would be in line with the March consultation.

- **Jurassic Maths Pre teach sessions**

Audrey Andrews and Sharn Hunt have been involved in some Jurassic Hub work and are now working with all staff to roll out a programme which we think will have a huge impact on the children. Feedback from parents, staff and children has been very positive to date. We will review this programme at the end of the year and share this with parents.

- **Raising school profile**

There is one school sign (like the one on the school gate) spare at the moment which needs to be displayed. Some suggestions were put forward as to where this would be best placed and initial enquiries have now been made.

- **Spelling Policy**

Staff have reviewed the spelling policy and a copy has been sent home. Spelling continues to be an issue for us (and many schools) but we believe that with parents and staff working on the non negotiable and shared high expectations we can make substantial improvements.

- **Next Meeting to take place on 7 June 2019 at 9 am at the school**

We agreed to put this date in children's diary and include through eschools as a reminder to attend. Parents thanked us for doing this.