

## **Parents Forum 29th June 2018**

*Present:, Sharon Hunt, Kate O'Kelly, Marie Chappell, Caroline Richards*

*Apologies : Amanda Walbridge*

*Absent: Cheryl Atkins, Fran Porter,, Lisa Forsythe, Joanne Miller*

*This was a shorter meeting due to the Samba performance taking place.*

### **Agenda**

- **Funding and class organisation**

Letter going out to parents today

Funding is a real issue on income alone we are down £10,000 next year from this year and 2019-20 predicted income is £40,000 less than currently.

Increased SENSS and support cost, increased staffing costs and lower funding from SEN

We need bums on seats and parents who are acting as school ambassadors for us.

- **School development plan**

-discussed draft plan which will be in main reception area and in staff room. This will also be on the website and will soon be displayed on the outdoor notice board

DASP and GTAT plans are closely linked to this

#### **-Outdoor area**

Discussed using the outside area more for other lessons. There is no increased use for lessons such as Music and PHSE but we need to make sure this is sustained when the weather is not so good.

- **Communication to and from school**

This is something we are working hard on to improve. We hope with more full time hours in the office some of this will improve but we are also looking at ways of streamlining information to parents. Is this working? Eschools? Parent SIMS? Eschools contract ends Dec 2018

Class pages

Homework books

Home record book- discussed making sure staff sign so it is clear they have been seen

Calendar dates sent out at start of year

Letters on eschools sent out from classes when needed ideally on Thursday where possible

- **Reading dog/Reading partners**

- The reading dog has been immensely successful in school and really had a positive impact on many children in more ways than reading alone. Unfortunately due to new health and safety concerns the dog has not been at school recently and the children have really missed Elsie. After careful consideration we have asked elsie to return and have asked parents to sign permission slips for this. This is continuing to work well and have an impact

- **Next Meeting to take place on 28th September 2018 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.***