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Dear Parents/Carers

IEB Newsletter – February 2019

We're delighted to give you an update on the work of the IEB to date, what we have been doing and what our plans are going forward.

The Curriculum

Writing has been identified as a key area for development and the school is currently working to create more opportunities for extended writing in addition to those in Literacy Lessons. A set of 'non-negotiables' (things that pupils must include in their work) have been agreed for each year group to act as a checklist for children, and the need for consistent self-editing and correcting is being encouraged. An English Action Plan is also being written encompassing this, as well as focusing on reading and phonic development.

Assessment and Reporting to Parents

Assessment and data tracking systems are currently being examined carefully so that pupils' progress can be pinpointed accurately. This gives teachers a much better understanding of 'next steps' in pupils' learning. Teachers will know what pupils can do well, and assist with precise intervention work for those requiring additional support. Going forward this should give parents a clearer picture of their child's strengths and areas for development.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Work is also being undertaken in respect of SEND. We are getting to grips with the school's current provision for children and developing our understanding of how this is managed, recorded and communicated to parents. Plans are in their early stages but all parents of pupils currently identified on the Special Needs Register will be invited to a meeting at some point in the next half term to discuss their child's needs.

Pupil Premium Funding

Similarly, information held for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding is being scrutinised to make sure that they are receiving their full entitlement in order that their additional needs are being catered for well enough. The Pupil Premium Strategy document is now being written and will be on the school website shortly, detailing how funding is being allocated generally to support our learners.



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

Burwell Village College Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Behaviour

As a result of both parental and staff comments, the IEB is also keen to look into behaviour within school, and a Behaviour Review is planned for early March so that we can analyse consistency of approach, appropriateness and use of sanctions, as well as the usefulness of the Behaviour Policy. Behaviour and Bullying Logs, as well as staff training in this area, will also be considered.

Other Areas

In addition to all of the above, members of the IEB have also undertaken a Performance Management Review (to see how current systems are supporting teachers and support staff in respect of their continuing professional development); Parent Forums have been held; Safeguarding and Health and Safety Audits undertaken; Lesson Observations carried out; and mechanisms for Strategic Leadership looked into. A Local Authority Intervention and Support Plan is also now in place. As part of this, a Local Authority Primary Adviser has visited the school on a number of occasions to meet with the Senior Leadership Team and Phase Leaders. Following these visits, a clear School Development Plan with specific Key Priorities has been developed. This has been welcomed by staff because it gives them a focused way forward. The school leadership has told us that team relationships are developing and strengthening. Local Authority English and Maths Advisers are also supporting teachers and Subject Leaders within school, and the Senior Assessment Adviser has attended an IEB meeting.

Plans going forward:

- The IEB will continue to monitor progress against targets in the last OFSTED Action Plan, and the new School Development Plan will focus on measureable outcomes for pupils.
- Curriculum change and development will focus upon the embedding of Maths Mastery, Writing attainment and progress (particularly in Key Stage 2), and strategies for closing the gaps for boys particularly.
- School budget monitoring will include costing, resource deployment, training and support.
- Staff, Pupil and Parent Voice – an online SMART Survey is being created and will be sent out soon as another means of capturing stakeholder views.
- Members of the IEB are to become Link Governors affiliated to particular Year Groups so that they might better understand the work of individuals, and support and champion them as appropriate.

As an IEB we want the very best for our school and its children. We hope this newsletter helps to give you some understanding of our role and work within school but, should you have any questions, queries or suggestions going forward then please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us as we endeavour to work in partnership with you for the good of the school.

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