



PIP Meeting Minutes Friday 25th January 2013

Apologies: Jenny Tromans, Sharon Murdock, Maggie Bowyer

Present(14 people): Faye Bertham, Michelle Walker, Jan Fishlock, Mark Williams, Hayley Robins, Lisa Nisbet, Lou Ashton, Jackie Weatherall King, Helen Strong, Kirtsy Poole, Leonie Pollinger, Julie Toy, Joanne Matthews, Tina Stevens,

Feedback on actions from last meeting

- Concerns over pick and mix home work activities not being boy orientated have been shared with staff and it has been requested that staff ensure there is a balance of activities to enthuse and engage boys.
- White mini laptops have been looked at by Mr Stevens (Tina Stevens husband) to see if they could be upgraded so they can be used in class. The outcome is that they are not compatible with new software therefore the PTA will look into selling them on Ebay to raise fund for the school.
- Library book banding is making steady progress due to colour coding and labelling with stickers. A request for helpers was placed in the January newsletter. Library opening date to be confirmed.

School Trips

- World War II trip will not be going ahead due to being fully booked two years in advance. The Year 4 children will have a WWII themed day.
- Trips are planned out for the year linked to the curriculum and have been printed in the school calendar.
- Trips can be school based as well as a visit away from school to enrich the children's learning.
- Cost of trips can be an issue therefore this is considered when deciding how many trips, where and when etc. Transport and fuel costs have pushed the price of trips up therefore often in house experiences such as the Roman visitor offer better value for money, whilst still providing an excellent experience for the children.

- Swimming timetable for each year group was raised – dates for each year group and whether it is a week block or spread over a term will be printed in the next newsletter.
- The question was raised as to why swimming does not take place in Keystage 1. The national expectation for swimming is that all children can swim 25m by the end of Keystage 2 (year 6) therefore swimming takes place from year 3 to 6 at Stanbridge to give the pupils the best opportunity to achieve this. Also younger children often require a higher level of support with a higher adult to pupil ratio which is not possible at the swimming pool.

Inclusion

- Mr Williams spoke to the PIP group about inclusion covering all aspects from Special Educational Needs (SEN) to Talented Able and Gifted (TAG) What does it mean? Inclusion means including all children whatever their needs and abilities
- Catering for children's needs encompasses a range of methods:
 - VAK (visual, auditory, kinaesthetic) learning styles are catered for in class and group work
 - working as a team – Head Teacher, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, parents, pupil, to ensure a child's needs are met.
 - SEN – more specific needs which are catered for through **School Action** (school identifies children not achieving expected outcomes. Support is given within school), **School Action Plus** (support is often provided by an outside agency), **Statement** (the child's needs require extra funding).
- The school has been addressing the criteria for TAG. This will help to inform parents and provide a framework for assessing if a child is TAG.
- The TAG policy and criteria will be taken to governors to be agreed before being put on the school website.

Next meeting - Friday 15th March 2013, 9.30am