

PIP Meeting – Friday 28th June 2013

Present: Miss Bertham, Mrs Walker, Hayley Robins,

Apologies: Tina Stephens, Claire Swartz, Lou Ashton, Jenny Tromans, Kate Hooper

Actions followed up from last meeting:

- Wow slips for EYFS homework have been promoted in the school newsletter and at the induction evening for new parents.
- Induction pack – guidance for homework has been added.
- Milk form has been refined to make a choice and choice of payment has been removed.

PIP Meetings:

- Confirmed that PIP Meetings will be Term 1,3,5 and 6 and in Term 2 and 4 PIP representatives can meet with class teachers during a Friday whole school assembly (2.50 - 3.15pm)

Play:

- Play Leader (Mr Mortimore) has been employed to work 5 days a week from term 1 2013/'14 to develop child led play. He will work from 10.30am – 1pm and lead play at playtimes and lunchtimes.
- 10am til 3pm (20/21/22 Aug) PTA Family days to develop the school grounds. Adults will be painting and decorating and children can come along and play. PTA are looking for as much help as possible so if anyone is interested in coming along and helping with the tasks it would be really appreciated. Need for helpers to be promoted in next newsletter.
- Sand pits hold off? We were unable to trial the sand pit idea as the paddling pool would have taken a lot of play sand and this wasn't cost effective. It was also difficult to keep animals out of it. We will investigate costs linked to play project and possibly look to install in October half term.
- Miss Bertham to email Don Sibley – Head Teacher of Longwell Green Primary school to find out who did their mural.

Jobs Jamboree

- We are hoping that this will promote careers opportunities, aspirations and involve parents/carers in the life of the school by sharing workshops linked to their job.
- Pencilled in for Friday 11th October. Term 1 (1st week) It will be promoted and people can sign up.

Curriculum Update

- Miss Bertham informed parents about the changes in our creative curriculum due to government changes from 2014.

- A curriculum evening is to be arranged for next academic year to share our new curriculum with parents. This could tie in with open afternoon next July.
- The new History curriculum proposals from government were discussed and parents were informed it has gone to consultation and we have adapted our creative curriculum to fit with any changes.
- Miss Bertham shared our over arching themes for each term for the creative curriculum. There will be 4 overarching themes across the terms to fit in with curriculum. Term 1 will have a PEPD focus (Personal, Emotional and Physical development); Term 2 and 3 will have a HUMs focus (Humanities – history, geography): Term 4 and 5 will have a Science and ICT focus and Term 6 will have a Creative Development focus.
- Ongoing discussion and feedback about the curriculum will take place across the year to develop, tweak and enhance the new curriculum with the intention of making work for the teaching and learning.

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Languages:

- Teaching of languages was discussed – languages will be within CLL (Communication, Language and Literacy) and is part of the action plan for developing next year.
- A staff audit of languages across the school has shown greater strength in French rather than in Spanish so there will be a dual theme with Spanish continuing with children that have had the input. French will be the core language with Spanish running alongside.
- The new creative curriculum will tie in with the homework.
- Makaton was discussed as an important part of learning that many children enjoy . It was decided that the school would continue to keep focussed on teaching basic Makaton across the school and make it a part of CLL and include in next year's language development.

School Environment:

- Next year it was agreed that the school would develop the use signs in other languages across the school.

Music:

- Parents were informed that a range of lessons will continue next year – guitar, piano etc

Clubs:

- Add to newsletter the range of clubs on offer from staff across the year or within school e.g record lessons, and how long they will be running for.

Social and emotional intervention groups:

- Focus on this – share what is involved next year at a PIP meeting so that parents/carers are more aware of the provision we offer to children.

Year 5 school meal parent visit

- Parent's were unhappy about the organisation – all KS2 came to one door and parents were jostled along with the children. Children are meant to come in one year group at a time. Mrs Wilcox in charge of checking lunch boxes for food being left uneaten.
- Discussed introducing a whole table finished system and then the children can go out. Tables put their hands up and dinner ladies come and check if they have finished their food and children are dismissed. This will be introduced from September.
- KS2 children washing hands before eating their lunch – how can this be implemented – Speak with Mrs Wilcox.
- Discussed parents supplementing cooked lunch if their child is finding they are hungry in the afternoon as portions are according to the cost of the food and the price charged for cooked meals.
- Overpayments of school meals are re-embursed at the end of the term. This is managed through a digital system and Mrs Amos then settles the accounts at the end of a term. This is a South Glos wide method of payments which must be followed.

Year 3 swimming:

- Coach company have pulled out of the contract and so we have phoned all possible coach companies and have found a replacement which will be funded out of school budget.
- Miss Bertham will be writing to complain to South Gloucestershire transport regards the issue. Parents can write to complain aswell.
- Look into using Barley Closes swimming pool for year 3 pupils to make up their missing lessons. Swimming coach can be arranged. Faye will look into this.
- Discussed timing of assemblies – assemblies are in the afternoon due to impact on learning and timetabling of other lessons.
- Class move up – 5th July children to come in and register with current class teacher and then children will be informed who their new teacher is and be sent to them for the morning.
- Staff – proof reading and checking newsletter and pick and mix and reports as parents have commented on spelling, grammar and punctuation errors. (MW to action) Sharon Murdoch and Sandie Bidwell offered to be proof readers for any school information.

Next Meeting 27th September 2013, 9am in the Elliot Building.