



## **PIP Meeting – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Miss Bertham, Mrs Walker, Jackie Weathrall- King, Rachel Hitchman, Julie Toy, Hayley Robins.

**Apologies:** Leonie Pollinger, Stacey Hopkins, Claire Buckingham, Jenny Tucker, Sandie Bidwell, Maggie Bowyer, Joanne Matthews.

### **Feedback on actions from the last meeting**

- Pick and Mix homework – it has now been followed up to ensure that all teachers are sharing the pick and mix with the children before it goes home. Some really positive feedback from a Year 4 parent about the content of the pick and mix homework. There was a really good variety of activities that excited the children. The child really liked asking questions for the teacher to solve. We have feedback about adding Maths across the subjects as most have a Literacy outcome. Year 5 fed back positively that there is more Maths across the subjects.
- Re-cladding will now begin in May. The Local Authority will be leading this work. The old metal windows will also be replaced.
- Signage will be replaced in the summer term. This will promote the school on the Westerleigh Road and Stanbridge Road.
- Play equipment use after school – we have monitored the use of this and spoken to the children about how to use this appropriately. It is often Yr 5 and 6 children who do not get collected by a grown up that use this inappropriately.
- Healthy Schools – we are still promoting ourselves as a healthy school. We need to continue to encourage this with parents and pupils. This will be in the Term 5 newsletter. Lunch Break Supervisors monitor this. As a staff team we need to establish what snacks are permitted for playtimes. We could survey the

parents to find out feelings around playtime snacks and a list of recommended snacks that could be brought in. As an activity, children could bring in a healthy snack and share why they think it is healthy and analyse the content.

- School photographs – we are keen to have some helpers to support the younger children.
- Maths/Calculations workshop will take place in Sept/Oct and will incorporate times tables into this for parents/carers.
- Visiting the toilet – this has been fed back within Key Stage meetings. There is now a consistent approach to this with all teachers and this has been reinforced with the children. Suggestion of having a convenient break in the afternoon for a comfort break in Yr 3 as part of a transition.

#### **Year 4 Camp out event**

- Aim to be an annual event – parents were very positive about this event. Children help pitch the tents 4.30 – 6.30 parents stay for BBQ and then there are evening events for the children. Camping under canvas for a night on the school grounds. £35 per child.
- BOOK purchases - £5000 spent filled the gaps in the very early reading books and purple, limes, whites, golds. Books will go into the classrooms. Bilingual books have been purchased and some French books to support the teaching and learning of French. Overdue books will be chased – will book in a time for Jenny Tucker and Sandie Bidwell to carry this out.
- Could we have a library open week to encourage more parents to use the library. Have an event in the library that the children will want to come to after school – arts and crafts linked to books. Send a text reminder about the library being on the Friday after school.

#### **AOB**

- Mixing classes at the end of the year – year 2 to year 6 will not mix as they mixed last year and we mix minimum every 2 years.

Reception and Year 1 children a decision has not been made as yet for this year. This will be looked at in term 5/6.

- Setting only happens in year 6 for Literacy and Maths – prepares for secondary and supports moving towards SATs tests.
- French – school has bought in a super scheme of work that staff are currently being trained on for an official start in September. Formal teaching starts from Year 3 so in September all classes in Keystage 2 will be starting on the Year 3 syllabus however the infants will drip in some words/ phrases.
- Feedback from parents about playtimes is really positive – play is much more settled and the greater variety of things to do led by Mr Mortimore our play leader is having a positive impact on how the children feel about play.
- Invite Mrs Wilcox (head dinner lady) to the next meeting to share feedback about what is going well and what needs to be changed or tweaked at lunchtime.

**Next Meeting – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014**