

Minutes of a Class Reps Meeting held on Friday 25th September 2015

Present: Laura Roberts (Head), Jane Capaldi, Sarah Cork, Kirsteen Daly, Ella Fenwick, Emma Johnstone, Sue Law, Rosie Lee, Jo MacKinnon, Gareth Norburn, Karen Robbins, Belinda Samrah, Kim Stevens

Apologies: Agnieszka Kwiatkowska

Welcome and Introductions: Laura Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. All Reps were given a Class Reps Information Sheet and a Staff List.

Purpose of Class Reps with Reference to Class Reps Leaflet: It is hoped that if children join the school during the course of a school year that the Office will notify the relevant Class Rep so introductions can be made.

It was also agreed that Class Reps email addresses could be sent out to all parents in the relevant year so as to provide a contact point for all parents.

It was further agreed that the minutes of these meetings would be put on the website so as to be seen by all parents. Any parents raising specific queries with their Class Rep would receive feedback directly from the Rep concerned.

Karen Robbins agreed to produce a list of requirements for setting up for Assemblies which could be given to all Class Reps.

LR agreed to investigate whether it would be possible for parents of children in KS2 to go to their child's class after assemblies as is done in KS1

Staff List: The School is due an inspection by the Diocese and Julie Jewell is the Assistant Head Teacher looking at Worship and Spiritual development. It was also noted that Revd Paul now carries out 2 assemblies a week to KS1 as well as KS2 children with this in mind.

With changes in the National Curriculum as well as changes for SATS exams Michelle Foster is the Assistant Head Teacher looking at Curriculum Teaching and Learning.

Pupil Progress and Attainment will be monitored by Assistant Head Teacher Clare Watkins, because levels of attainment have been replaced by Yearly progress markers for all children.

General Matters –Key areas for improvement: Ofsted will expect that the school will be able to show how children's progress is assessed and how children are informed of their progress

The next Ofsted inspection will be some time after the New Year but with a change in the National Curriculum the school was also having review meetings with WSCC.

Maths was one of the areas which required looking at; a new scheme has been introduced – ABACUS, this also has opportunities for children to complete tasks online at home. Once the

teachers are fully trained it was hoped that the school would run a Maths evening for parents as well as giving training on the use of ABACUS.

SATS would still take place in Years 2 and 6 and children would receive a scaled score instead of levels, it was hoped that this would be easier to understand by all, especially parents.

Literacy was another area that had required improvement and the introduction of Writer's workshop had resulted in an improvement in the standard of work. Spelling is also another key area to be worked on.

All children are actively encouraged to read regularly and change books when completed and LR said she would make sure that teachers reminded children especially the younger ones to change their books before going home when they have completed one.

Autumn Term so far: LR explained about Target Tracker which is a computer programme newly introduced to track each child's progress describing their understanding of any areas of study as being one of the following:-

Beginning ...

Working within....

Secure ...

Secure plus..

All feedback from teachers and TA can be logged on to the system and again this is a year based system and children within each year would be expected to start with beginning and work through so that by the end of that year they will have progressed to working within or secure. Some children may have progressed to secure plus which would give them a greater breadth of knowledge in a given area

PTA Matters Not all parents had received details of the PTA from Welcome evenings. Events coming up include:-

Rag Bag Collection on 30th September, AGM on 7th October, Quiz on 17th October, Bonfire Night on 7th November, where any help would be much appreciated, 100 Club, Christmas Disco on 27th November, Christmas Bazaar on 11th December, Calendars will be available before Christmas

Matters from class Start times were confirmed at 8.55am for all children, those older children in KS2 are allowed to come in to school earlier from 8.45am although there is no insistence that those children need to be in as early as that.

Any parents wishing to have a talk with their child's teacher can contact the office so a meeting can be arranged.

Date of next Meeting –Friday 6th November at 2.15pm