

Parent Council Meeting – 19th November 2018

Present:

L Dance, K, Harvey, G Whale, J Rush, J Lenoir, P Baffoe.

G Smith, E Wigmore

Apologies given from Mrs Van-Royen

School Priority plan

EW gave out school priorities for 2018/2019

K Harvey asked when Ofsted was due - GS and EW explained January 2020 however this can never be guaranteed

EW and GS went through each of the key priorities

K Harvey asked - Could you request an Ofsted? - EW explained we can but with changes in Ofsted all the time it is best to wait

EW explained that EYFS has it's own Ofsted criteria and went through Key priorities for Early Years.

K Harvey asked if money will be spent on outside area in Nursery - EW said it is an area the school know needs to be developed and is part of the school action plan however it is very costly.

K Harvey asked if fundraising would take place as it had done for the fence in Reception. GS explained this is always an option.

K Harvey - Could a list be given of equipment that is needed for donations to be made? - EW and GS said that we would look into this

J Lenoir asked what age children will be included in the pupil parliament - GS explained it is usually from Year 2 upwards due to confidence but that younger children would also be spoken to by the older children so their views are heard.

Vision

GS Shared the new vision and where that came from.

GS explained that future work will ensure all stakeholders know and understand the vision. GS explained that worship will be based around the vision this year and homework around the vision would be given.

Pupil Presentation:

Children from a range of year groups and classes came to speak to the parents.

The children explained marking processes and showed examples of their work. Many questions were asked and directed to the children which they were all able to answer.

Issue from the board:

EW explained that due to the beginning of a new academic year the board at present didn't have any questions for parents

Questions for the board/school from the parents:

J Lenoir asked for an updated on PE kits - GS explained that she was hoping a new PE kit would be in place for September 2019

K Harvey asked to discuss the situation around staffing changes in nursery. K Harvey specifically asked why parents weren't told earlier so they could prepare their children and why the process wasn't delayed until January.

EW explained the process of recruitment. EW explained that the deadline for recruiting a teacher for January had gone. She explained that it would always have been the plan for the teacher to move from Nursery to reception in January but that it would be better for consistency to do this sooner. CO is the constant in Nursery and would continue to be in January and at present. EW explained that the current nursery teacher is known to the nursery children. GS explained that the school only knew on Friday before half term and that due to professional conversations that needed to take place no more notice could have been given to parents. Parents shared that the Reception children were very happy with their new teacher.

K Harvey also shared that CO was a very popular teacher in nursery and the parents/children would be delighted if she would become the new nursery teacher.

The meeting finished at 3.15pm

