

## Parent Form Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Apologies: Mrs Skelton, Mrs Amos, Mrs Chare, Mrs Charlton**

**Mrs Higgins opened meeting with a prayer.**

**Update on what's been going on this half term:**

- Snow and the school remained open, children had a great time playing in the snow. The school and Mrs Higgins were given a lot of positive feedback from parents who thought the management of the school during the snow was perfect – thank you
- Lenten masses on a Friday have been well attended, thank you to Fr David
- SATs talks held for parents in Year 6, talks for parents in Year 2 will be arranged
- Phonics/reading workshop held for parents in Year R was well received
- Maths workshop for parents of all years was highly praised, it was very useful to understand how maths is taught, the language used and the progression through the year groups. A further session will be arranged to be held on a different date/time from the last one and the slides from the session are accessible from the school's website.
- Governor Learning Walk takes place each term, this term the focus was on writing
- Governors meeting
- World Book Day held – in the snow, thoroughly enjoyed by the children, including a workshop by an illustrator, which inspired the children
- Infant singing in Year 2, there was a severe lack of participation (only 6 pupils, previous years this has been 20+) – this was discussed with two main reasons provided for the lack of participation:
  - A severe lack of communication regarding the event, its purpose, how the event is organised and run, the fact that children learn the songs in school, the conductor visits the school to prepare the children and they sing on as individual schools and as a wider group with other schools.
  - The way the tickets are distributed (on a first come first served basis) and the tickets are initially limited, but additional tickets (for siblings) are often available after the initial distribution.
  - It was also noted that the children that did attend, did a fabulous job and really enjoyed the concert.
- St Edmunds competed in a public speaking competition (2 year 6 pupils), the standard is extremely high and the pupils did really well.
- Lots of trips:
  - Year 1 to Painshill Park cancelled due to snow – rescheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May, much praise given to Miss Bennett for keeping the pupils so happy after their initial disappointment with activities in and around the school
  - Year 3 to Winchester Science Museum
  - Year 3 visit from Hydestyle (with animals)
  - KS2 to Mass
  - Year 4 to Woking Theatre to view Awful Auntie
- Reconciliation service, pupils from Years 4-6 were given the opportunity for individual reconciliation with Fr David and Fr Tony after the service
- A week of Bikeability and Pedals for Years 4, 5 and 2 respectively

- The Year 6 Passion Play was performed to the school this morning, captivating all Year groups that watched in silence!

#### **Upcoming events:**

- Swimming for Year 3, there was a discussion regarding the cost (this is driven predominantly by the coach). Changing the venue would not reduce the cost because of the coach and the facilities, both pool and changing rooms are believed to be much better at Surrey Sports Park rather than Broadwater. Last year the lessons were much better organised with the children assessed quickly and put into groups relevant to their ability and changed groups where appropriate. Please remember to bring in costumes and towels on each Monday – a text reminder will be sent out.
- Changes to the way KS2 Athletics program (as per letter that went out today). All children will learn Athletics during the summer PE lessons. Class teachers will select the best pupils to represent the school at District Sports. Practice after school (on a Monday) will happen after the May half term at Charterhouse for those children who have been selected. Mrs Higgins, Mrs Hua, Mrs Patrick and Mrs Shorten will organise the Athletics training and event as a team.

#### **Behaviour Policy**

A lot of work has and will continue to be done on the school's Behaviour policy. A copy of the policy was provided to the meeting attendees to read and feedback and comments to Mrs Higgins. The following is a list of completed actions which are relevant to behaviour in the school

- Lunchtime supervisor meetings happen regularly
- Training for lunchtime supervisors from Surrey Behaviour Training Group
- Focus on consistency between teachers and lunchtime supervisors
- Lunchtime supervisors now wear pink hi-visibility jackets and Year 6 Play leaders were yellow hi-visibility jackets, so staff and leaders are easily identifiable and visible
- There has been a recap on playground rules
- Year 6 leaders are providing playground help structuring games, giving help and inspiration, they are also very good at identifying any children that are struggling with participation, or look lonely in the playground
- The school will speak with the children to obtain feedback about the time they spend in the playground – do they have any concerns, ensure children feel safe
- Green, Yellow and Red cards continue to be used in school, however a physical card now changes hands, so the children are made aware (without doubt) if they are given a yellow or red card and the reason is made clear to all
- There will be a relaunch of the home/school agreement, which is signed when the children start school – to make the agreement a “live” and relevant document as opposed to signed and forgotten about
- The school will work towards the Anti-bullying charter mark. Evidence of what we do will be collated. Eg. Anti-bullying week
- Behaviour support from Surrey (Ann Henderson) has visited the school and assessed behaviour, the school is waiting for the report which will be published
- Governors will do a tour of the playground and school to see if they can point out any areas for improvement (in behaviour)

### **Green Oaks School Consultation**

- Mrs Higgins attended a meeting with other heads from the confederation of schools and Surrey County Council yesterday.
- It was stressed that the Council is undertaking a Consultation – this is still on-going, and no decisions will be made until after the conclusion of this initial consultation. Even Green Oak staff know no-more than the publicly available information.
- The consultation continues until the end of April, results of the consultation will be considered in May, followed by further formal consultation but if the decision is made to close the school, the decision will not be made until the beginning of July, with the school closing in August.
- Across Surrey, there are available spaces for the majority of children at Green Oaks
- If some children did need a school space, there is a possibility St Edmunds would be provide spaces for a few children.
- St Edmunds doesn't have the space for more than 31/32 children in each class in KS 2, KS 1 classes capped at 30.
- The school may provide a joint response to the consultation as part of the Godalming confederation of schools.
- Parents should respond
- Green Oaks is still open.
- There are a lot of rumours regarding the Consultation process and the Green Oaks school site – that's all they are, rumours.

### **Benches**

- The PSA has funded new benches, picnic tables, clocks and a polytunnel for the playground.
- A new date for the ground force day will be planned