



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Parents Forum at West Minster

Wednesday 25 January 2017

Minutes and outcomes:

Attendees: 16 parents, school wellbeing Team, (Claire carter and Jacci Fitch) Mr Cates (Inclusion/Assistant Head), Ms Brewer (Head of school), Ms Ovenden, (Key Stage 1/Assistant Head), Ms McKay (EYFS/Assistant Head), Sarah Samuel (SENCO) and Steve Davies (Executive Head Teacher), Dolley White and Charlene Newton (2 parent governors)

1-Mr Davies thanked those parents who had been volunteering for the Reading Dream Team who were helping some of our children to improve their reading. One parent asked how she could volunteer and Jacci Fitch agreed to put her in touch with the English leader who would ensure she could be part of this voluntary team.

2-Mr Davies informed parents that the new building would be completed by the 8 March 2017 and in use after the Easter holidays.

3-Mr Davies mentioned that the school was delighted with the successful outcome of the recent Ofsted which had graded the school good overall with outstanding leadership, EYFS and exemplary inclusion and Special educational needs provision.

4-Mr Davies informed parents that the school had commissioned an artist to come and paint a mural at the entrance to the school on the water tower. This would have a coastal theme to reflect where we live and would say welcome to our school. The same artist has also been asked to paint motifs on the Key Stage 1 classrooms which would contain our values that we celebrate as a school. This work is scheduled for the February half term so you will be able to see the results on return to school in February.

5-Mr Davies explained that with Claire Carter he is seeking to start both a dads group and a grandparents group to enable hard to reach parental groups to engage with the school more. He told parents and grandparents to watch out for the letter/text concerning this which would be coming out in the near future.

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6-Parents evenings where parents can come and review their children's targets which were set in the autumn, will take place in the week beginning 13 March 2017 and letters would be coming our nearer to the time for parents to sign up for convenient appointments.

7-Mr Davies informed parents that the Red Panda drama group would be coming in in February to help the children celebrate Chinese New Year, There would be a dragon dance and acrobatics which the children will remember for ever. They will be in on 2 February 2017 so watch out for this very exciting event.

8-Year 6 would be going to Devon this year for their residential school journey and once the leadership team had visited the new venue a parents' evening would be held at the school to inform year 6 parents about the arrangements and dates for this.

Parent comments or questions:

- Nigel Cates informed parents about E safety and safeguarding training that staff had been part of over the last three days and urged parents to be vigilant at home when monitoring their children's usage of tablets, smart phones and other electronic devices especially where they could access the internet and social media.
- Mr Davies confirmed that the pantomime trip at Christmas had again been a huge success and that he felt that this was now embedded as something we now do as a federation for and with the children at Christmas time. He would be ensuring that this is secured again in the budget for next year and for the future years to come. The children gained a valuable experience from this and again was about giving them wow experiences to remember. A number of parent's present whole heartedly agreed.



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