



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to thank those of you who turned up at Rose Street yesterday morning for the latest parents' forum where I had the opportunity to update parents on a number of topical issues listed below:

1-Voluntary contribution of £25.00:

I informed parents that only 40% of the two school's population had paid this and so I will have to consider difficult decisions in next year's budget regarding outings and trips.

2-Breakfast Club:

I informed parents that we are about to offer discounted places at Breakfast Club for parents who have more than one child attending as paying £1.00 each child per day was not affordable for all parents in this situation. Please contact the office if you are interested in accessing this discount for your children, or if you want a new place at the club.

3-Two Year old provision:

We have been investigating starting a 2 year old provision at the West Minster site for those parents that would qualify for this. Members of the leadership team have visited a school in Croydon that is offering this to find out more and if you are interested in this or may be in the future, please contact the school office to register your interest.

4-Bid updates:

I am still working on finding funding streams to supplement the ever decreasing school budget and our latest success was £1000 grant from KCC to enable the school council at West Minster site to plan and build a Peace Garden in the school grounds. The school council at Rose Street have also received similar funding from KCC to set up the tyre garden which is nearing completion.

I am about to submit a funding application to Children in Need for £36,000 to help to set up more effective support for the children within our two schools who act as young carers.

5-European project update:

Last week we held the first international conference for the European project and four schools from four different parts of Europe came to the isle of Sheppey and attended the meetings. We have set the aims for the next two years and agreed how we will work together. A separate newsletter will be coming out all about this before the end of term.

6-Parents' open evening and questionnaires:

There was a really good attendance from parents at the recent open evenings and all questionnaires returned were highly positive about the school. Some questions were 100% strongly agree or agree and shows that we have improved again on last year in terms of how parents view Rose Street and how it is benig led and

managed now.

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7-Coffee mornings and other key dates:

These are on the school facebook page and Ms Moore urged parents to check this to find the forthcoming events.

8-EHT Christmas card competition:

I informed the parents that it was really hard to choose from the 100s of excellent entries this year and I absolutely could not choose 1 winner only, so I have chosen two designs from each school and these will be announced in assemblies this week. I will send the winning designs home as part of my Christmas newsletter later this week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Davies', is placed on a light grey rectangular background.

Steve Davies (executive Head Teacher)