**Working Together Meeting 19.7.17**

**Present**

Clare Rushworth

Tor Chadwick (Reception)

Steph Duncan (year 1 and 6)

Lisa Cook (Year 3 and 4)

Jen Burgess (Year 4)

Sarah Jones (Year 5)

Nicky Thomas (year 2 and 5)

**Apologies**

Charlotte White (Reception)

Rachel Thomas Prasad (year 2)

Lucy Hulmes (Year 1)

Emma Heath (Year 3)

Kelly Emmerson(Year 6)

CR explained what actions had been completed from the points that were raised at the meeting on 24.5.17.

1. **At the new reception intake meeting let parents know about this Working Together Group.** This happened in the meeting and Jen Burgess also let the parents know that she had set up a Facebook page for Reception parents.
2. **Paint benches on the top playground.** Completed.
3. **Reception need more photos put on Twitter.** CR apologised for this still being low but explained that photos are taken for their learning journey and these photos can’t be switched onto twitter.
4. **In Year 1 please don’t expect children to take messages home verbally as they don’t come home correctly. Please could they have a small note?** This message has been passed onto the year 1 teachers and since then no verbal messages have been sent home.
5. **Reading books in KS1 look tatty. Possibility of new ones.** CR explained that there is going to be a cull over the summer holiday. It was discussed that new ones will have to be bought. It was mentioned that ‘The Works’ has cheap Biff, Chip and Kipper books. Presently PTA are saving for the school bus so they aren’t able to help at the moment. Duggie Martin might be able to locate a bus to buy.
6. **When children have their packed lunch on the field, litter gets blown onto fence and it looks untidy.** The MDAs ensure that there is a litter pick after the food is eaten.
7. **With the warm weather here, a reminder about names in jumpers and cardigans needs to go onto the newsletter.** Completed.

Points raised today:

1. Music has been on at lunchtime recently and it has been enjoyed and changed the atmosphere in the hall. Could this be a regular feature?
2. At the beginning of the year, the Working Together Group representatives need to be put onto the school calendar as a reminder to parents.
3. The Reception/Preschool Teddy’s Bears Picnic wasn’t enjoyed by some parents. It was discussed that in future, a clearer idea of what an event will entail would be useful as the afternoon wasn’t what some parents expected. A return slip to say how many adults would be attending needs to be completed so the school has an idea of numbers so that everyone can be catered for. The bad weather had a huge impact on the afternoon.
4. Some children in KS2 don’t have someone to play with at break and lunch time and the buddy bench has lost its impact. Could there be ‘Play Buddies’: year 6 children who wear a cap to say that they will organise games/activities with anyone who asks?
5. When the year 6 children go to the High School for the transition week, could the year 2 children move onto the top playground and preschool children come out to play with KS1 children?
6. Some parents were sad that Mrs Wakefield had taken voluntary redundancy and wondered how they could get presents to her. CR explained that there was a leavers’ assembly for the 3 staff who were leaving and that Mrs Wakefield had been invited to it but that she didn’t know whether she was attending yet. Mr Erne had already mentioned to a parent that he would pass on any presents to Mrs Wakefield and that they just needed to bring them to the office.
7. CR explained the end of year data to the parents. Reception came in below national expectations in reading, writing and numeracy and now they are at national expectations. More children are exceeding in reading and number than national.

Year 2 data, combined reading, writing and numeracy, was above national expectations.

Year 6 data, combined reading, writing and numeracy, was above national expectations.

We discussed how the school isn’t all about reading, writing and maths and data but that the children experience a wide curriculum with enriching activities- topic best books produced, music (learn band instrument in year 5 and 6, learn ukulele in year 3 and 4, Young Voices evening, Northwich Music Festival, WHS music evening), PE (wide variety of clubs after school and at lunchtime, wide variety of competitions against other schools). 1 child had particularly enjoyed the lunchtime table tennis club. A parent was very grateful that staff were giving up their lunchtime to do the club. It was discussed how the school has improved over the years and the parents were very thankful of all the hard work teachers put in.