**Working Together Meeting 25.10.17**

**Present**

Clare Rushworth

Tor Chadwick (year 1)

Steph Duncan (year 2)

Lucy Hulmes (Year 2)

Lisa Cook (Year 4 and 5)

Jen Burgess (Year 5)

Sarah Jones (Year 6)

Rachel Thomas Prasad (year 3)

Jess Bailey (reception)

Kelly Martin (reception)

**Apologies**

Charlotte White (year 1)

Nicky Thomas (year 3 and 6)

Emma Heath (Year 4)

The meeting was opened by welcoming Jess Bailey and Kelly Martin, new reception reps, to the group. We then went through who the reps were for each class. Lisa and Nicky are doubling up so on the next school newsletter, the class reps will be stated and parents are welcome to come forward if they would like to be a rep for year 3, 4, 5 or 6.

CR explained what actions had been completed from the points that were raised at the meeting on 19.7.17.

1. **Could music be a regular feature on at lunchtime?** Mr Erne thought this was a good idea and would endeavour to put it on. He said he would go through music of the decades.
2. **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?** 8 yellow play leader hats have been purchased. All year 6 children have been trained in Physkids. The option of being a play leader will be open to year 6 every day.

Points raised today:

1. Could pictures of the TAs and MDAs be put up somewhere so that parents know which TAs are linked to each class? Website? New board in the reception area?
2. Each class doesn’t have the same info on the class webpages. Some have more on than others. CR explained that teachers have a minimum that they must put on: blurb for the topic, topic web and topic homework.
3. If a child has a bump on their head could a phone call/text be made instead of the slip. CR explained that if it is a bad bump on the head, a phone call is always made.
4. At 3pm the gate is still locked so it is very busy outside on the pavement as the High School are coming out then. CR said she would ask the new caretaker to open it 5 minutes earlier.
5. Main concern raised by a number of the parents was that of the Mid Day Assistants. Shouting was scaring some of the younger children and one report was of a MDA snacking on a child’s food. CR explained that this point had already been raised by a parent so MR+CR had already had a meeting with all MDAs about how to deal with the children, a MDA had been spoken to directly by a member of staff and observations were being made.
6. Could Celebration Assembly letters be put into reading records by an adult and not left to a child to do as one was put into the wrong bag. Could an email/text be also sent to reiterate?
7. Reception parents would like to have the Houses and House point system clarified. CR said she would put this into the class newsletter.
8. Reception parents would like the Celebration Assembly system explained. CR said she would put this into the class newsletter.
9. The point of drinking water during the day was raised again. It was discussed, and as a group it was decided that as the bottles are available all day, this has to come from the parents to keep reminding the children how important it is to drink during the day.
10. A reception parent believed the trip was too early. CR explained that all the children loved the day out and were not phased at all, just really excited to be going on a bus and out for the day.
11. A reception parent believes the toilets are too far away from the classroom. CR explained that this cannot be changed.

Positives

Year 2 residential trip had gone very well. The run up to the trip had been great and twitter coverage was also appreciated.

A thank you was made to Mr Proctor and Mrs Williams for looking after their daughter during a family crisis.

Year 5 were loving going to the high school to do DT. They were also really enjoying music this year (band instruments) more so than the ukulele.