



	<p>addressed.</p> <p>There was an issue regarding a concern raised in an email which was sent to all members of the Council. If there are any concerns raised to members, particularly regarding safeguarding, they should be directed to SW immediately.</p>	
5	<b><u>OFSTED</u></b>	
	<p>On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 we had a no-notice no formal designation monitoring inspection from Ofsted to look at Behaviour &amp; Safeguarding. The official report will be available next week but it was a glowing report that recognises the good behaviour in school &amp; the strong safeguarding measures that are in place.</p> <p>Due to the good progress being made we are anticipating the next Ofsted Inspection to be Spring 2015 but will be prepared for an earlier visit!</p>	
6	<b><u>PTA</u></b>	
	<p>The PTA are desperate for more members or it is in danger of folding so it was hoped the Parent Council would work with them as a joint force.</p> <p>The flyer going out could be a joint letter with the PTA &amp; include a description of what is &amp; isn't expected &amp; reassurance of not having to organise a whole event alone! Grandparents would also be encouraged to join.</p>	
7	<b><u>PACKED LUNCHES / LUNCHTIMES</u></b>	
	<p>There was a matter regarding Packed Lunches that was to be raised but the parent involved was unable to attend so this will be moved to the next meeting.</p> <p>A concern was raised that children are not having time to finish their lunches but this could get worse when the new initiative for all KS1 to have free school meals comes into effect in September.</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged with SW, the Business Manager Catherine Hughes (CH), the Head of Catering &amp; our Head of Kitchen Natasha Wakeman (NW).</p> <p>There was also a concern that the last classes in for lunch always miss out on the "top choice". SW has tasked the new Business Manager with looking into any concerns &amp; will be the link between school &amp; Eats Catering.</p> <p>Money was requested for new lunchtime equipment: This is not a Parent Council remit &amp; Lynne Careswell (Senior MDSA) would be the person to request this. It was also pointed out that the Skipathon, organised by the School Council, was raising money for this &amp; the pond area.</p> <p>More Library passes are needed: AE will organise this.</p> <p>CH &amp; NW will be invited to attend the next meeting.</p>	<p>SW / CH</p> <p>AE</p> <p>MQ</p>
6	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
6.1	<b><u>HAND HYGIENE</u></b>	
	<p>There was a matter regarding Packed Lunches that was to be raised but the parent involved was unable to attend so this will be moved to the next meeting.</p> <p>SW explained that CH has been tasked with ensuring paper towels, soap, toilet rolls etc. are always readily available &amp; is creating a "This toilet has been checked by/at..." list to confirm this is regularly monitored.</p>	CH

6.2	<b><u>PARENTS EVENINGS</u></b>	
	<p>There is a Parents Evening coming up but it was raised that there have been occasions when not enough notice is given. SW explained that Parents Evenings are very draining for the teachers so we need a balance between their well-being &amp; keeping parents updated. We currently have a Meet the Teacher early in the first term, a progress meeting in November while the April &amp; July meetings are more for concerns parents may have. However if parents have concerns they should raise come to the school at anytime &amp; not wait.</p> <p>Some classes have had an open classroom when a project has been completed so parents can see the work on display &amp; this has had really positive feedback. SW explained the school is judged on data by Ofsted but we try to get the balance of good data along with creative project work etc to ensure the children are happy &amp; well rounded.</p>	
6.3	<b><u>BLP (BUILDING LEARNING POWERS)</u></b>	
	<p>It was requested if the school could share with parents what the Building Learning Powers are that the children come home talking about!</p> <p>SW agreed a parent information evening would be a good idea &amp; he would also advise them of the Assertive Mentoring we are introducing.</p> <p>Reception already uses it via Learning Journeys &amp; Year 6 have now fully implemented it for Maths. It involves the teacher &amp; each child sitting down every half term to set targets, discuss progress etc. The impact has been very positive. Progress in maths has accelerated in year 6 &amp; their attendance has gone up from 94% to 97% since September.</p> <p>SW will arrange a meeting &amp; requested that that Council members encourage as many parents as possible to attend.</p>	SW
6.4	<b><u>SPORTS ACTIVITIES</u></b>	
	<p>The question was raised as to why there are inconsistencies in swimming e.g. do Year 4 swim this term &amp; why are some classes swimming in half-term blocks? SW explained that swimming lessons were controlling the curriculum so it was passed to Phase Leaders to organise what works best for their Phase.</p> <p>It was agreed that having to rely on Parent helpers to enable swimming was not very effective due to the lack of volunteers. It was asked why there is never any communication about progress being made in swimming. The children receive a certificate sporadically but there is no record of it in the school reports. Premier Sports, who deliver PE lessons throughout the school as well as three after-school clubs, will be supplying reports for parents evening so SW will speak to CS (Swimming Instructor) &amp; request these are made available.</p> <p>The refurbishment of the Swimming Pool was raised as there has been no communication on this for ages. SW explained the asbestos survey had come back fine but that about £100,000 is required of which about £20,000 will need to be raised by school &amp; the rest made up by grants. However grants rely heavily on community usage &amp; this means the pool would need to be accessed during the day.</p> <p>In the short-term it was requested that we purchase new mats &amp; a bench &amp; that the pool is repainted by volunteers. It was also noted that the toilet seat needs replacing &amp; that the door doesn't lock.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that if a professional donates their time then Match Funding may be available. SW will speak to CH about this as well as the other issues regarding the pool.</p> <p>He also agreed that some PTA money could be made available so RC will liaise with CS about what she feels is required &amp; will pass the order to MQ to purchase.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>RC</p>
13	<b><u>DATES OF FUTURE MEETING</u></b>	
	<p>The dates of the next meetings will be:</p> <p>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8:50am</p> <p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8:50am</p> <p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8:50am</p>	

The meeting closed at 10:10am.

Signed .....

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