

Parent / Carers forum

13th February 2019

Crowell Bishop Primary School

Present: Miss Hussey – Head of school

Michele Newham – Parent Governor

Parents: Belinda Chettle, Carolyn Herrington, Gayle Keast, Sandy Roy,

Apologies: Helen Auty

Matters discussed:

Pond in the wood: One quote from Nottinghamshire County Council has been received and 2 further quotes are required before work can be awarded. There is also an issue with the existing boundary fence is in need of repair and belongs to the diocese so this is delaying things.

Roof: The work of the roof is now complete and should have a longer life than a normal flat. This work was paid for by a grant from Conditions improvement funding. A further grant has been requested this year to make improvements to the heating system. Outcome is awaited.

After school guitar lessons: SR queried why guitar lessons have stopped and if they can be restarted. They were stopped after the music teacher who taught them was unhappy with having to change rooms / location part way through his teaching sessions. Unfortunately the school didn't have the space available on the days he could teach, to give him a room for his entire time. School tried to accommodate him but he was not happy and stopped teaching at Cropwell Bishop.

If any parents or families know a guitar teacher who could possibly teach at school during the school day please contact the office with details. School will make the enquires but will be grateful of any contacts.

Staffing: Mrs Woodward is due to return to teaching shortly after half term and before the year 6 SATS.

Maths: Timetable Rock Starts has been purchased by school and will be launched after Easter to the pupils. There may be a dress down day so children can dress up as the characters from this scheme. It's a very interactive times table scheme, children can take part in battles between classes, build characters and earn points.

Teacher's emails: Teachers do have emails but these won't be given to parents as Miss Hussey would like staff to preserve their personal time. Parents can email Miss Hussey or the school office, use the communication books each child has or request a phone call from a teacher.

Children's lateness to school: HA sent in a query regarding what happens when a pupil is late as she finds that her boys are not concerned if they are late. MN also added that she had observed a large group of children arriving late to school with no apparent deterrent being given. Miss Hussey explained that arriving at school on school is the parents responsibility and not the child's. Parents of children who are persistently late are contacted. School starts at 8:55am and all children need to be in school by this time.

Building update: Miss Hussey has attended parish council meetings recently and has had sight of plans for the new houses. It is hoped that the school will have an entrance off the new estate, Stockwell Lane will become pedestrian only and there will be a new reception area for the office and Head teacher. The KS1 playground will be able to extend over the current drive.

Miss Hussey is working with the contractors, Chair of Governors, Highways and the Parish Council to ensure there is a safe entrance, parking and fencing for the school.

Code of conduct and ethos: Miss Hussey explained that the Code of Conduct and Ethos was written in 2000 and although it has been updated over the years it now needs to be rewritten. The behaviour policy will be looked at as well. Miss Hussey is hoping that the new Code of Conduct, Ethos and behaviour policy will be more in keeping with the current day.

Parents will be invited to a working party so they can contribute as well.

Miss Hussey explained how the school has always been well supported by Friends of the school and many activities and equipment would not be possible without such an effective volunteer Friends of the school. They organise the film nights, disco, Christmas presents and much more.

School Disco: MN raised the recent school disco as she is concerned it is no longer inclusive due to the entry fee. There was a lot of discussion by all attending and the main discussion point was about tokens and entry fee. There are mixed feelings on the introduction of tokens and the higher entry fee including tokens.

Summer fair: There was considerable discussion about the summer fair not going ahead this year. The main points discussed are listed below:

Parents and carers unaware: There has been no communication from FoS to parents and carers to let them know that the fair is not going ahead

As this event is a long standing event, families often have relatives visiting, to join in the with the village celebrations and people enjoy visiting the school as part of the weekend.

Community presence – The school has always had a fair during the village celebration weekend. Families, Teachers and other staff know to keep the date free, year on year, to help.

There was disappointment from the parents about the fair being cancelled. Sadness was expressed for year 6 who will miss out on the fair in their last year, and the school will feel less a part of the community as it is not involved in the weekends festivities.

We agreed that if people wish to comment on the decision not to hold a summer fair they can contact the class reps for Friends of the School via Facebook. Alternatively or as well, they can email Friends of the School on cbishopfos@gmail.com

Please note update has been received from FOS since the meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday: 27th March at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome.