

## Parents Forum

8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Cropwell Bishop School

**Present:** Miss Hussey – Head teacher, Michele Newham - Parent Governor Acorn Federation

**Parents:** Amy Rushby – Class R, Suzi Wright – Class 5, Victoria Flint – Class 1 & 5, Pete Wolstenholme – Class R & 5, Victoria Webster – Class R, Helen Auty – Class 4 & 6.

**Apologies:** Ashleigh Drew – Class 1, 3 and 5

#### **School Swimming:**

It is a requirement for all children to be able to swim 25mtrs independently in 2 strokes by the time they finish KS2. This is a national standard for all primary schools and at Cropwell Bishop this has usually been achieved by offering children 9 weeks of swimming in yr 1 and a further 9 in yr 3. Any that can't swim at the end of the 18 weeks will have the chance to swim again in yr 5 or 6 with the younger years but few take up this offer.

Last year school offered 6 weeks in years 1, 3 and 5 but the school swimming team felt that 6 weeks wasn't long enough as 2 weeks each time are lost due to assessing the children.

From this academic year school will now offer 9 weeks swimming in year 3 and 5, dropping the swimming for year 1. The reason behind this is that at Year 1 the children need a lot more support to dress and get ready for swimming so have less time learning to swim. By year 3 most can dress themselves and have had some experience of swimming pools.

Actions:

Victoria W offered to speak to the Puddle Ducks instructors to request they come into school to talk to the children at an assembly.

Michele Newham will speak to Lex Leisure to see if we can get any free swim passes.

#### **Emotional Literacy Support Lead – Mrs Beavis:**

Mrs Beavis explained that she trained in 2016 on a national programme (ELSA) that started in Southampton. She has training to recognise and support the emotional needs of our pupils; she often works 1:1 with the children. Mrs Beavis only works 1:1 with a child with parental knowledge and permission. Her input aims to provide support for a wide range of emotional needs: -

- Recognising emotions
- Self-esteem
- Social skills
- Friendships
- Anger management
- Loss & bereavement

Mrs Beavis also offers some group work. This could be work with friendship groups, social situations, relaxation and mindfulness, building resilience and this work may also involve good role models

from within the school. Parents are not necessarily informed of these interventions when they form part of our PSHE curriculum.

Snack and chat is offered in the mornings on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for a small group of children who find coming into the school environment difficult. It runs from 8:55 – 9:20 and is children led and centred.

The impact of the 1:1 sessions is measured and recorded. There are forms that must be completed by parents and by Mrs Beavis alongside discussions with class teachers. Class teachers refer children to ELSA based on needs presented in the classroom or following discussion with parents.

Nottinghamshire is one of 25 areas across the country that have been selected as a trailblazer for the MHST (Mental Health Support Team) trial. MHST's are part of the NHS under CAMHs and are supervised by NHS staff but run in school. They provide early intervention on some mental health needs, such as mild anxiety. This team can be offered by SENCO if appropriate.

### **Reward system in school:**

The old traffic light system has now been replaced by a new RECOGNITION BOARD. There are 4 areas for children to work towards, PRIDE, PERSISTENCE, RESPECT and KINDNESS. Children who manage to get on the board may also earn house points but a child who does not get their name on the board on any section, will be told that an email is being sent to their parents. Children who are not on the board by the middle week will be encouraged in these areas.

This change will mean that the Behaviour Policy will need amending and signing off by the governing body of The Acorn Federation. When this has been done, the Behaviour policy will be on the website for all parents and carers to read. New policy to be ratified 27.01.20.

Miss Hussey was asked about sanctions in school and we heard how the system used is a staged approach. A misbehaving child will be spoken to in class, if no improvement they will be separated slightly, then they must go and talk to the KS1 or KS2 lead teacher. After this a child will sit and work in class 2 or class 6 and may need to miss playtimes. At this point if the matter is serious then parents will be informed.

Miss Hussey mentioned that on some occasions situations at school can be exacerbated by discussion on social media by parents. This causes worry for the children when the situation has already been resolved in school.

Miss Hussey also stressed that school is not responsible for the behaviour of children at parties or other out of school activities although should incidents occur that affect friendships it is useful for teachers to be informed.

### **Fencing in the KS1 playground:**

New fencing has been installed so class 1 and Reception now have their own playground. Class 2 and above have use of the area at the back of the school. This will ensure the smallest pupils in the school have a safe and enjoyable play time away from the more energetic children.

Year 6 prefects are also running small sessions at playtime, so all children have a happier time at school. They have established a reading area and are running a Lego group at the moment.

Fencing round the pond in the coppice at the top of the school field has not happened just yet. There are limited funds in the school budget for the fencing however school ensure that a member

of staff is sited by the coppice when the children are on the field. In wet weather children are not allowed on the field so risks are minimal.

**Parking:**

The Chequers pub has now reopened their carpark for morning and afterschool drop off and pick up times.

Parking on Stockwell Lane and Springfield Close remains a problem and parents are asked to be considerate when parking. There is to be no parking on the zig zag lines and no driving up the school drive. Children are being put at risk of harm and this is not acceptable. If people have concerns about inconsiderate and illegal parking they can contact:

PC Caroline Voce and PCSO John Heaps who are the Community Beat Managers for Cropwell Bishop, Cropwell Butler, Langar and Barnstone areas. If you need to speak to them regarding any local policing issues, they can be contacted on 07595 012 079

Email: [caroline.voce@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:caroline.voce@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

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Next Meeting:

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

09:15am

Meet in reception.