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Class Rep Meeting: Tuesday 6th July 2021

ATTENDEES	Jamie Hallums (Co Head Teacher) Collette Pasley (Office Administrator) Caroline Wilkie (Badger Class) Lyn Tregoning (Owl Class) Mary Studley (Owl Class) Marina Da Costa (Little Stars) Sam Dixon (Kingfisher Class) Louise Andrews (Bumblebee Class) Jade Dodd (Big Stars)
SENT APOLOGIES	Samantha Matthews (Hedgehog Class) Julia Yau (Kingfisher Class) Angela Wilson (Badger Class) Nicola Chan (Bumblebee Class)
DISCUSSION	Curriculum & Learning

Reports

Reports are being sent out on Monday 12th July 2021. Normally these would have been shared in the Spring Term; due to lockdown, therefore, we moved this to Summer Term. We send a written report once a year, normally in the Spring Term, in order for parents to know what is going well and next steps;

Assessments have been completed by the children and we are very much celebrating end of year achievements as well as identifying next steps. Many of the children have achieved age related expectations for the end of the year, in line with government set targets of what children should be able to do in reading, writing and maths. Whilst some pupils have not achieved in all areas, it is not surprising considering the year they have had, but what is really positive news, is that many children have made very good progress.

Reading is the strongest of the three subjects.

Y1 phonics – at this point they would have had government assessments, however these will take place in the Autumn of Year 2. Instead we have done internal assessments, and what is clear from this is that lots of them can already pass this check which is very positive news.

We have shared Year 2 assessment information as part of their transition. For our current Reception and Year 1, the assessment have supported us to know what we need to do to catch them up. Once we go through all the data, we will put a summary together, which will be shared with parents.

Topic books for *Come With Me*

Reception and Nursery have looked at Japan, comparing a child's life in Japan with their own life, learning about people in their respective countries.

Y1 and Y2 have focussed on India, which has really being inspiring for them.

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Topic books are coming home before the end of term. This is an opportunity for the children to share their journals and their learning with you at home, and with their extended family. The children are proud of their journals.

We will be writing to some parents, to ask if we can have a keep their child's journal in school. The reason for this is that we have a sample in school should we have any external visits, in order to show case what the children have been learning.

Autumn Topic is *Lovely London*. We have looked internationally this term, and so next term we are looking closer to home, and we will be finding out about our capital city.

Nursery and Reception will have a slightly different focus – for the first half term they general focus on *All About Me*, they will then transition into the *Lovely London* topic. Watch this space, we have had some super ideas about visits, boat trips in London, Southbank (not Reception pupils!), and we will look at what we can bring in as well for the younger children

Parent survey (please share link below with parents):

Can I please ask you to share the link below to our parent questionnaire on your WhatsApp Group; we would really like to drum up as many responses as we can. Feedback is really important, not only to celebrate what we did well, but to hear any parental suggestions on what we can do differently or improve. We will also send reminders in our Newsletters this week.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BF2e7Yt7AUuCZYkWsZeVgmFH9Z1r32dIls2dl1D5xUM0hJMkc2T09XUTZGMjdYNIY5R0EzN1JMMS4u>

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	Building / Premises
	<p>Protective Measures</p> <p>Gavin Williamson is currently making a speech in Parliament about new guidance for schools, around staggered start / finish, bubbles going, etc. I can confirm that we will continue with the arrangements we currently have in place and not make any changes this side of the summer break.</p> <p>We will of course carefully digest the guidance, and will send a communication out before we break for the summer holidays to share what arrangements will be implemented for when we return in September. I hesitate to say, that we are fortunate to not have had a bubble closure, and this is still a possibility before the end of term, which is quite worrying. We understand if you have children, to be told to isolate on the last day of term is something we will continue to strive to avoid.</p> <p>The more we can return to normality the better for everyone.</p> <p>Question from Mrs Wilkie: will we keep some of the procedures in place</p>

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We will look at the overall guidance and will take it from there.

Works in the Summer Break: we need to let you know that we are having works carried out over the summer. The new fire detection system, which was scheduled previously, but did not happen as planned, will take place in the summer. We are currently fully compliant with fire protection, but the new system will be fully integrated across the whole school. This is being funded by central government and will add more significant protection for everyone on the school premises.

Plan for library bus

You may have already heard about our Library Bus on the grapevine, and we are moving much closer to having this in place in the Autumn Term. It will be installed in the Octo Garden, which will be landscaped etc. We are very excited and almost at the point of having sketches of the plans that we can share with you. Our Sponsored Bounce will raise many monies for books not only for our classrooms but also for the new Library.

Tracey is doing an amazing job working with Miss Langley, redeveloping the library, which will inspire the children to enjoy reading and books. The Library Bus will take this to an even higher level.

DISCUSSION	Communications
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Re-launched WFIS website

You will have probably read that we have relaunched our website and do have a look if you have not done so already. In addition to the usual information, we have updated our curriculum pages, information on the different curriculum subjects.

Staffing – Leavers

Last week we shared our staffing structure for 2021-2022. In terms of leavers, **Mrs Laura Brown** is leaving at the end of the term. We are very sad that she is leaving us as she has been in the school for many years; she left to have her children, then came back as Co Deputy Head, but is taking a career break to focus on her family.

Miss Emily Cann, is moving to another school nearer to her new home. Emily is an NQT and has been brilliant. We fully understand her move and wish her all the very best, we hope she has lots of fun in her new home and school.

Sam Dixon wanted to say that Emily has been brilliant; they have been very impressed with her this year in Year 2.

Miss Aimee Selfe – who is currently on maternity leave, and has decided to move to a school nearer to her home, with a much shorter commute. We are sad as we thought she would be back with us in September.

Mrs Christina Lane is stepping back from teaching now and has taken a part time admin role, again to focus on family. Once again, when the time is right to come back, we hope she will come back to us!

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Mrs Ana Sikora one of our Assistant Teachers in Reception has decided to move to a different position. We are sorry she is leaving WFIS.

Recruitment we have a several vacancies for Assistant Teachers and hopefully we can make announcements over the next week about these positions. We have successfully appointed a HLTA and are finalising the arrangements.

We had interviews for an Assistant Head position> Miss Annabel Langley has been appointed which is super for September.

Finally, as we outlined in our letter to you earlier in the term, we are set to join South Farnham Education Trust (SFET) in September. We have long association with South Farnham Education Trust. With the government push for single academies to join larger trusts, we choose to be masters of our own destiny by joining with SFET rather than have this decision made for us. It makes perfect sense to be part of a larger network, where we work collaboratively as a group of schools, sharing expertise.

Miss Mann and myself will have guidance and support from the Academy CEO, but from a day to day perspective, parents and children may not notice much has changed.

We are sure that Sir Andrew Carter (CEO) will visit the school to see parents in due course. There are still some legal matters to be finalised and we anticipate formally joining on 1st September 2021, once all the legal items go through as planned.

DISCUSSION	Safeguarding our children
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DISCUSSION	WFIS Community
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Library relaunch and new books – Amazon Wishlist.

Will keep our Amazon wish list – will keep birthday book going nice way for children to celebrate their birthdays.

End of term celebrations

We are still planning to move ahead with our end of term celebrations. Again, we will review guidance to see if any changes to the rule of 30, for the moment we will stick with our current plan. Children have been working so hard singing, dancing so Year 2 will also get their end of school gifts and leavers book. We really do hope to have a lovely end of year for the children.

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Jade Dodd raised the question around uniform for Shining Stars / Reception, the new wet weather all in one from September. Why not a two-piece? We explained the rationale behind the decision as we currently experience that the children's top halves ride up and they end up getting wet. The all in one should stop this from happening. From a toileting point of view Nursery and Reception, staff will monitor this and ensure the children are managing this when wearing their all in one suit.

Question around forest school. We are waiting to finalise the appointment of a HLTA/Forest School Lead, so yes the plan is to have more outside forest school activities for Early Years in addition to their current outside learning. The PTA have kindly agreed to fund training for the forest school lead through the Woodland Trust and once that is done we can officially call ourselves a forest school. PTA have also funded beautiful wooden seating for our woodland area. We are really looking to ramp up Forest School activities across the whole school, where year groups will have regular session of forest school. Forest school provision provides lots of benefits for the pupils, for example wellbeing, problem solving skills, creativity, and we want to link these activities to Science, Art/DT. It has been a long held ambition that COVID got in the way of the implementing, and we would have liked to have had this in place sooner.

Year 1 parents wanted to say they were super thankful for keeping the children so well looked after and no bubble closures. All the protective measures were so worthwhile and parents appreciate all that has been done to keep us safe.

Mr Hallums said it had been an extremely demanding year and that all staff and pupils deserve the summer break. Staff are literally ready to drop! – it has been quite a roller-coaster. We have on occasions really struggled with staff being out due to sickness, showing symptoms of COVID (before testing negative) or Track and Trace where they have come into contact externally and had to isolate for 10 days. That has been hard but everyone has pulled together.

We will pass on your message of thanks to all staff, it will bring a smile on their face. We wish our staff a restful summer and have told them to do no work, just come back in September refreshed. People are excited about next year, our School Development Plan is being finalised and will be shared with parents.

Mr Hallums thanked all our Class Reps this year as it was our final meeting of the year. It has been unusual that we have not been able at any stage to meet in person. To our Year 2 Class Reps we wish you all the best as you move to the juniors and we look forward to seeing our Nursery / Reception and Year 1 parents back in September.

Next Meeting: Will be scheduled once our 2021-2022 Class Reps have been confirmed

Thank you to all Class Parent Rep's for their input and support

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