**SCHOOL ETHOS COMMITTEE MEETING 30/11/17**

PRESENT :- Jill Ryder, Sharon Lord, Kate Burch, Anna Neville, Christine Pascoe, Pip Cartmell, Becca Butchart, Una McGovern

APOLOGIES: - Tom Benson, Dave Kay, David Palframan

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|  |  | **Actions** |
|  1 | **From Previous meeting: Car Parking at school**Concerns regarding parking & driving safely at the beginning and end of the day have continued to be raised. This coincides with a recent Health & Safety Audit that has taken place this week. It is proposed that there are 3 “Reserved Parking” spaces – 1x taxi space, 1x child-minder space, 1x disabled space. | JR to follow up |
| 2 | **Diary Updates**Parents will continue to be informed on a term-by-term basis about school events wherever possible. Class assembly days are deliberately varied, to provide opportunity for as many parents as possible to attend.NB not all sporting dates are confirmed until closer to the time. Regular dates (i.e. nativity, mothering Friday etc.) are planned in the school diary based on previous years (e.g. 1st Friday of December = Christmas Fair etc.) | JR to continue to include in newsletters |
| 3 | **Head of School Report**JR talked through items included within the report;Class Organization, Staffing & Staff Appraisal, School Improvement Plan & School Self Evaluation, School Council & Play Leaders, Visitors, Courses etc., Health & Safety / Safeguarding Behaviour, School Ethos, SIAMS & RE. | All – refer to HoS report |
| 4 | **FOLS**Christmas Fair is taking place tomorrow, Friday 1st Dec.The funds for the play trail have been allocated, thanks to funding from FOLS fundraising, Staverton Parish Council, 100 Club, Lottery, Tesco. KB shared that there is a surplus of funds that can be used to purchase other equipment. Current ideas include hiring a space dome for Science Week (£470), interactive smart smartboards. |  |
| 5 | **School Ethos, SIAMS & RE**Refer to Head of School Report. In addition, SL shared;* Paper wreath in hall – people can add thoughts & prayers.
* New table in hall with liturgical colours, which means that candles don’t have to be balanced on a wobbly stool!
* Current colours are purple for advent.(SL shared)
* SL attended a Learn, Teach, R.E. (LTLRE) 2 day conference on 19/20 Oct.
* David Palframan is a new Foundation Governor for 3 church schools – Landscove, Harbetonford, Diptford
* David visits school once a term to observe Collective Worship.
* We asked about CW areas not previously discussed: Collective Worship – image is projected and music played when children file into hall, which encourages focus and stillness.

- Children sit in vertical groups – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.- Out-of-the-Box – Year 6s choose and tell story, lead worship, and lead prayers.- Open-a-Book – children act out at an Old Testament story.- Christian Values of Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Responsibility, Peace continue to be celebrated.* Vision Statement shared with the Ethos Committee and Staff
* R.E. Hub Meeting – SL attended today (30/11/17).

- Sharing children’s work with colleagues in hub- Commission on R.E. – change of terminology (e.g. not calling it R.E. any longer.) Landscove has been extremely innovative by introducing F.A.B. Faiths & Beliefs.* Collective Worship Survey with School Council (i.e. pupil voice). SL shared results. Discussed & answered committees questions
* Buckfast Abbey visits this term (NB Class 2 will receive an opportunity to visit around Easter time).

**SIAMS:*** - Jill & Sharon have been working on the Self Evaluation Form (SIAMS SEF) includes 4 areas;
* - Collective Worship
* - R.E.
* - Leadership & Management
* - Christian Distinctiveness (i.e. values).
* SIAMS SEF to be sent to diocese in December 2017.
* Once again agreed the importance of Christian Distinctiveness that is being discussed at Ethos Committee Meeting and being shared with Governors by our Governor reps.
 | Current Christian Value to be written as a reminder for parents in each weekly newsletter.Parents to complete Christian Value slips for any value that they see their child exhibiting at any time of the term.Vision Statement to be shared with parents and children next.SL/JRRepresentatives from diocese due to inspect school in Spring / Summer.SL to book pre inspection visit |
| 6 | **Parent Rep Feedback*** Attendance – parents feel that correspondence regarding a child’s time off school could be softer in tone. Attendance has to be documented carefully for safeguarding purposes and for demonstrating to Ofsted that the school is documenting when children are unable to attend school. JR noted that official letters regarding absence are rarely sent.
* Maths Homework (Class 2). Parents & children are disappointed that the Active Learning programme is not available.
* Forest School – mixed feedback, about how sessions are enjoyed by children. School staff members are always present and are satisfied with how the sessions are managed & delivered. The expectations of school staff and Josie Wright are aligned. Josie Wright and the Eco Council have been focusing on rebranding Forest School, which will now be named Wild Woodland Learning.
* Meals – parents are wondering if there could be more variety re: roasts and what is offered on “Roast Day”.
* Lost property – unclear about what items go into Lost Property bucket. Clothes are often knocked off Class 3 pegs and kicked along the floor and then scooped into bucket, regardless of whether they are named or not.
 | JR to ask other schools what they are providing for Maths homework – are there any follow-up activities for the Shanghai Maths Approach.Refer to HoS report for further detail about Wild Woodland Learning.Glynn discussing with School Council re: menu feedback with Lucy Field.Lost Property to be discussed with children at assembly. |
| 7  | **Meeting ended 8:15pm.****Next Meeting 08/02/18 6pm** |  |

**LANDSCOVE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Head of School Report for the School Ethos Committee

# 30th November 2017

## PUPIL NUMBERS

R 7

 Y1 18

 Y2 8

 Y3 11

 Y4 14

 Y5 14

 Y6 14

Total 86

## CLASS ORGANISATION

* Class 1 : R 7 (0.4 Lucy Field, 0.6 Sharon Lord)
* Class 2: Y1 & Y2 26 (0.8 Amanda Berry, 0.2 Jill Ryder)
* Class 3: Y3 & Y4 25 (0.5 Jo Woods, 0.5 Anne Smart)
* Class 4: Y5 & Y6 28 (0.7 Vic Pooler, 0.1 Jill Ryder, 0.2 Tracy Clarke)

**STAFFING & STAFF APPRAISAL**

Staff appraisals for teachers have been completed.

Non-teaching staff appraisals are planned to take place before the end of term.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION**

* I have discussed the SIP & SEF in detail with Tony and the staff. We are now working through our key priorities.
* New developments in Maths and a new approach to teaching maths (Shanghai Maths approach) is part of a major CPD project across the academy. Vic is leading all developments in this area for Landscove and is also leading the academy maths leaders hub.
* Sharon will also be leading a significant development in incremental coaching when she takes up her place on a Leading Leaners CPD programme.
* The Eco council (and key staff) have been working with Josie Wright to look at rebranding our version of Forest School as we are aware that we take a rather broader look at learning beyond the classroom than the title forest school might suggest. There are many different types of outdoor learning, all of which provide fantastic cross curricular learning experiences for children. Some examples we aim to use are:
* Environmental education
* Field studies, including map work
* Bushcraft ~ including den making, use of tools, and fire building
* Outdoor cooking
* Gardening & horticulture
* Conservation exploration
* Crafting and art from natural materials
* Adventurous activities
* In order to be open to all these areas (and more we’ve probably not yet discovered!) the children have worked with Josie to rename our version of forest school as Wild Woodland Learning enabling us to encompass the different philosophies into our bespoke Landscove approach. This also dovetails into our 5 Star Pledge, where we aim to offer enriching and memorable experiences and activities.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL & PLAY LEADERS**

* The school council have been busy with Lucy Field. Discussions have centred around The Eco School and planning for our Children In Need event. The children made some super biscuits to sell - in fact they were so good they sold out at playtime!
* Tash continues to support our play leaders and lunchtime sessions ~ these are highly successful and result in developing leadership skills in some of our quieter children. She has taken a small group to a Play Leaders course at Stover~ the children always enjoy these and come back buzzing with new ideas.

**OTHER INFORMATION – VISITORS - COURSES ETC**

* Jill Ryder has attended Head of School training days with our CEO. This is part of a 6 day package across the year.
* Vic Pooler & Tracy Clarke have worked alongside Helen Palmer maths lead teacher for the Teaching Schools Alliance. They have had the opportunity to observe leading teachers, have both been observed and received coaching feedback. Vic is now taking this further with Helen and will be training to further develop teaching across the school.
* A BSL teacher has introduced signing to class 4 as part of a communication package being offered to support learners.
* Steph Gibbs has attended dance Inset training and is working alongside the dance teacher to help deliver dance lessons and our dance club.
* As part of our school sports partnership package Becky Mason from KEVICCs is providing dance lessons/Club
* Class 1 are visiting the Redmount Nursing Home in Buckfastleigh once a fortnight ~ an enjoyable experience for all.
* Our EP, Will Roberts has worked with 2 children this term.
* Arts week was a resounding success ~ the Exhibition looked fabulous and we were able to offer visits and information about the school to prospective parents who visited the Exhibition evening. I have shown 12 families around school~ at the exhibition and since, but all as a result of the open evening.
* Our PE, RE, English, Maths and EYFS subject leader hubs have met twice this term. All are looking at research based enquiries in order to improve standards even further.

**HEALTH & SAEFTY/ SAFEGUARDING/ BEHAVIOUR**

* Academy safeguarding information has been updated in school, including information around attendance and the Everyday Counts agenda.
* 27th Nov we had a Governor Health and safety audit. Various issues including parking was raised with our governor.
* 29th November: Jill Ryder attended Operation Encompass; a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to Domestic Abuse.
* Behaviour care plans have been implemented and are working; providing a consistent and persistent approach from all staff to ensure best possible outcomes for all children.

Jill Ryder

27th November 2017

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Ethos, RE, CW & SIAMS Report for the School Ethos Committee

# 30th November 2017

* Our Christian values explored this term have been Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Responsibility, Peace and we have just begun Advent.
* Sharon attended the LTLRE 2 day conference on 19th/20th Oct, with workshops and excellent key note speakers.
* Academy Hub meetings have taken place.

**Collective worship and prayer**:

* Paper wreath in hall – people can add thoughts & prayers to this ~ introduced by SL in CW.
* New table in hall with liturgical colours, which means that candles can be displayed here and the table brought forward for CW. Candles lit at the beginning to signal the beginning of CW and blown out to signal end.
* Collective Worship Survey with School Council has been completed and analysed by SL. The results will be shared with LSEC at our meeting.
* Classes 1,3&4 are due to visit Buckfast Abbey for Christmas workshops before the end of term. Class 2 is booked to attend an Easter workshop at the Abbey next term.

**SIAMS**

* JR & SL have been working on our SIAMS SEF which we aim to send to the Diocese Education Officers who will help us to evaluate the work we have done and make recommendations. SL will give the LSEC an overview of SIAMS SEF at our meeting.

*Sharon Lord*

*27th November 2017*