

Parent Action Group

Thank you very much to all the parents that were able to join us for our first PAG meeting on Thursday. It was a valuable opportunity to gather your thoughts on a variety of subject areas to help us with continued school improvement. We are extremely fortunate to have such a proactive and supportive school community.

If you were unable to join us but have ideas to support progress in maths, English, Anti-bullying and presentation (and indeed any other area of school life), please feel free to send them through or call in. Where possible, your feedback will be built into our School Improvement Plan (SIP).

We will feedback updates on school improvement in this newsletter and will also give updates in future PAG meetings.

Ofsted Updates

As you are aware, we lodged an official complaint with Ofsted regarding several areas of our recent inspection. The response has now been received and whilst further clarification has been received, no changes in the overall judgement have been made.

Fresh Start Updates



Our hot school lunches, cooked freshly on site each morning, continue to be well received by a large group of children.

There is still a comparatively large group, particularly in FS and KS1 however that are still bringing in packed lunches despite having the option of this free school lunch. To better meet tastes, Fresh Start are considering a deli type option, so watch this space for more details.

If you have questions about school lunches, please send them to Fresh Start in the first instance as they are very keen to hear all of your thoughts and ideas - support@freshstartcatering.uk

Please ensure that you listen to your children read on a daily basis (even Year 6) and record this in their Home/School diary. Daily practise has a massive impact on their progress in all areas of the curriculum and is not something that can develop rapidly at school alone. Thank you

I'm sure you have seen that we have a defibrillator outside school now for the use of the school / Willow Tree and the whole village in the event of an emergency.

Thank you Willow Tree for part funding this.

PTA Discos

Friday 3rd February

FS and KS1 3.30pm—4.30pm

KS2 6.00pm—7.30pm

Further information has been sent home via ParentMail.

Thank you PTA for arranging these special events.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February at 2.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm (according to demand), we will be holding a parent/carer meeting about keeping your child/ren safe online. Please call the school office or send an email if you intend to come along so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you

Lost property

Please take a few minutes to label all the items that your child comes to school in. It is sad that we can't easily return so much quality clothing back to the right child. Thank you Mrs Jones for helping to reunite items this week.

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Maths week

Next week is our Maths week! Children will kick off every maths lesson with a ten minute problem to solve within their classes, each carefully designed to challenge but also motivate your child to enjoy their maths.

As well as this, across the week children will be designing and creating their own maths games which we invite you to share with your child on **Friday morning between 9.00am and 9.30am** in their class.

During assemblies we will be sharing maths in the world around us, including a couple of visitors who use maths in their everyday life. We will also be playing involving ourselves in games such as Channel 4s Countdown.

Included in Friday's celebration assembly, children will have the opportunity to complete their maths masters and share a maths joke that they have found at home. This is your challenge for the week! The best jokes shared in class will be shared on mass to get us in stitches before heading off for the weekend! Mrs Rice has a great joke to share but see if you can come on top in our Maths Jokeathon!

Finally, on **Wednesday 1st February**, we will be holding a parent/carer sharing meeting at 2.30pm - 3.15pm and repeated at 6.30pm - 7.15pm to share our Abacus scheme of work, calculation methods with top tips, times tables and to explain the requirements of the maths curriculum. You are very welcome to join us.

Mr Gregory

Year 5 class teacher and Maths Lead

