

## Parent Forum - May 2017

### **Actions from previous meeting:**

ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to talk to staff to ensure reading records are checked and signed each week (complete)

ACTION: Teachers will ensure tests are taken and marked in the children's spelling books that go home with new spellings each week (complete)

### **Progress towards OFSTED targets**

- HMI report and actions following

### **Vision for the school**

- The children have decided our vision will be 'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'.

### **Plans for transition for September 2017**

- Each class will have a ½ day session with their new teacher in July
- New nursery children will come for a number of 'Stay and Play' sessions
- New reception children have been staying at school for lunch and will have the opportunity to stay for a full day towards the end of term
- Parents will be able to meet the new teacher at our open evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (3.30-4.30 or 6pm-7pm)
- Parents will be able to find out more about age related objectives and curriculum information at 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions in September.

### **KS2 school journey 2017**

- Booked for October 2017 to Kingswood
- Cheaper time of year and shorter length to make it as accessible as possible for families
- We plan to book at this time of year moving forward

### **KS2 Swimming**

- We discussed arrangements for KS2 swimming: an intensive course of 4 weeks of 45 minute lessons at the pool and in school training on water safety from Mrs Townsend. Feedback will be sought from parents and children.
- Parents made a variety of comments regarding swimming including:
  - Having swimming from KS1 helps children to learn this important life skill from an early age
  - Some children have private lessons and are already competent swimmers. Some parents may not want to pay/have them miss curriculum time for extra swimming at school
  - There has been some concern in the past about the quality of teaching in lessons and size of groups
  - Cost (roughly £6 for transport and £2.50 for lesson) may be too expensive for some parents if they have to pay for a whole term or year every year

**Action: Mrs Bridgman to gather feedback from children and parents about intensive swimming lessons and plan for 2017/18**

- **AOB**
  - Parents asked about numbers for September 2017. We are expecting 7 children in nursery over the year, 4 children in reception and up to 4 other new children joining older year groups.
  - The After School Club will run from 3.15pm-5pm Monday to Friday from 12<sup>th</sup> June. Teachers will still be running some free after school clubs. Children who attend teacher led clubs can go to the After School Club from 4.15-5.