

Parent Forum – September 2018

Actions from previous meeting:

ACTION: NONE

- **Welcome to new Interim Headteacher – Mrs Keddie**

Mrs Keddie introduced herself. She has a breadth of experience as a Headteacher in different schools, including one large school in Ware and other small schools – most recently Puller Memorial School. She has been in contact with Mrs Bridgman since September 2016 as a fellow Headteacher and is aware of the school's recent history.

Mrs Keddie will be working for two days per week (Monday pm/Tuesday all day/Friday pm) but has flexibility to be available at other times if needed. The part of Mrs Bridgman's maternity is being covered by Mrs Gotham, who is teaching Y5/6 on Friday mornings.

Mrs Keddie has already had several induction meetings. She has attended the full governor meeting, a meeting with the Local Authority Advisor, safeguarding training, the school's INSET day in September, as well as meeting with Mrs Bridgman.

- **School Development Priorities for 2018-2019**

Mrs Bridgman set out the school's main priorities for improvement for this academic year.

Objective 1: To improve outcomes for pupils in mathematics by:

- Ensuring challenge for all abilities, especially the more-able
- Embedding 'Essential Maths' and introducing mixed-age planning
- Providing continuing professional development for the teacher new to the school

Objective 2: To improve leadership and management by:

- Embedding the cycle of self-evaluation for subject leaders introduced over the last 18 months to enable them to confidently monitor and explain the impact of their actions
- Improving attendance figures ensuring attendance is rigorously monitored by the Governing Body and that impact of individual actions are evaluated regularly to inform next steps
- Ensure the effective induction of the Interim Acting Headteacher

Objective 3: To improve the quality of teaching and learning by:

- Using assessment for learning (AfL) effectively to be responsive to pupils' needs

Objective 4: To develop the school's Christian character by:

- Embedding the new Hertfordshire RE syllabus
- Further developing children's involvement in planning and leading worship

There was no other business.