



## BROADHEMPSTON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL LIFE GROUP

**Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3:45 Broadhempston Primary**

In attendance	Rebecca Sear (Governor, Chair), Jill Ryder (Exec Academy Head) , Louise Kneafsey (Parent), Jessica Swifen (Parent), Gaby Cannon (Staff), Sarah Kingdon (Parent, Minute taker)	Actions
Apologies	Nil	
Approve previous minutes	Previous minutes approved, corrected 'Sarah' Kingdon	
Matters arising from previous meeting	Currently do not have a rep for Willow class	RS - to actively recruit a rep for years 1 & 2
Academy Head report	<p>Report attached</p> <p><b>JR presented the Heads report – see report for details</b></p> <p><u>Pupil Numbers</u> – intake of 7 in reception. Discussed how to advertise school outside of immediate intake area. Prospective parents currently touring the school and there is an open day planned for start of November. Year 6 pupils likely to have a role in this as Ambassadors. A good opportunity to showcase, particularly with Arts week preceding it. We discussed strengthening links with the 'rising fives' age group and forming closer ties with the baby and toddler group on a Friday morning in the village. Particularly to familiarise those children joining the school. Previously staff have come across to do activities at the group and when the COVID enhanced rules are relaxed this will be planned again. We discussed the welcome pack, JR has updated this. We discussed the website and the importance of this for prospective parents doing research. This is overseen at a Trust level.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> – As per the heads report. We have welcomed Miss Barlow who is settling in well and Gabi Cannon is teaching the Beech class whilst Miss Simpson works from home for health reasons.</p> <p>We also have Alice Eeles, the SENDCO lead within the trust and JR is the SENDCO lead for the school.</p> <p>We discussed shared resources with Landscope, allowing for subject leads to be shared across the two schools. This enables staff to concentrate on the subjects they are knowledgeable and passionate about.</p> <p><u>Other information</u></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JR has set out the key improvement priorities for Broadhempston primary school, as per the report attached.</li> <li>• An OFSTED inspection is imminent and preparations are underway for this.</li> <li>• COVID and health and safety risk assessments are up to date and have been communicated to parents via recent newsletters. Devon remain in an enhance response area and as such certain measures have been taken, it is hoped this will be de-escalated soon.</li> </ul> <p>ARTS week – in the pipeline Daisy – Devon Art Service / Hannah Nicholson</p> <p>STEM week – possible hire of Dome/Planetarium in village hall – PTFA funding helps with this</p> <p>MUSIC—lots more opportunities for learning different musical instruments this year</p> <p><b>PTFA</b></p> <p>The PTFA has been very supportive of Arts week, science week and the updated library. The PTFA is meeting tomorrow (22/9/21), the SLG will support all the PTFA endeavours.</p> <p><b>Discussion Regarding community engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco Group led by Ms Cleverly is working towards Green Flag award for school – can take a few years. Is involved with community projects.</li> <li>• Community shop with window displays, art from Art week on the walls.</li> <li>• The Church – for harvest festival and the nativity play this year will be held in the church.</li> <li>• Book fair – has been booked for October. Schoolastic.</li> </ul>	<p>JR to make links with Village shop to ensure space to display work</p>
<p><b>Parent Rep feedback</b></p>	<p><b>Things parents would like to see at Broadhempston Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents clarified that children are able to use all areas of the park and equipment .</li> <li>• Parents are keen for the children to have the opportunity to perform in school productions. Previously there was a Christmas and a summer production that was very popular with the children and gave everyone a chance to perform. These also provide opportunities for PTFA fundraising. JR – explained that there is a lot of emphasis on academic ‘catch up’ and there has to be a balance with time taken out of the school day. There will be a Christmas play and this is planned to be ‘in person’, it may be that there is a daytime one for younger ages and an evening one. The summer show has not yet been planned/decided on</li> <li>• Eden project trip (Year 5 &amp; 6) – some children recall the last Eden trip. They travelled a very long route via Exeter on the</li> </ul>	

	<p>coach and due to the travel arrangements and returning to school by 15:00 they had a very limited time at the Eden project. The school has a package booked that links to 'global citizen' and science &amp; art curriculum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents have suggested/enquired about activities during break times. Gabby Cannon explained the 'play leaders' scheme where some children are trained in leading playground games and provided with the correct equipment. This should be in place and operating at break times.</li> <li>• Year 6 – a transition year. Parents are keen to know how the school is preparing this year group for the transition to secondary school. Are there any links to the local secondary schools – we used to go to their shows etc, is this going to re-start?</li> <li>• Previously year 5/6 had the opportunity of a residential trip to London but this hasn't happened recently. (last happened Sept 2016) Gaby Cannon explained the difficulties with health and safety at the time. We discussed potential alternatives so that they children can have a similar experience. Current covid rules prevent a residential trip at present. The school is aiming to do a summer residential trip.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication from reps to parent groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each class does this slightly differently, either via facebook or whatsapp. The minutes from the meeting will be distributed via the school app.</li> </ul>	<p>JR – to check times of the Eden trip and opportunities for creative work during trip.</p> <p>Parent reps to ensure communication back and forward with other parents in their class groups</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 3.45.</p> <p>Note - Children of those reps attending meeting can join the after school club free of charge for the duration of the meeting.</p>	