

Friday 29th September 2017

PTFA, Polite Toddler Request and School Improvement

PTFA

Thank you to all those who turned out for the PTFA meeting after school on Wednesday. It was a really good turnout.

The PTFA has decided to send regular email updates to parents with notice of upcoming activities and fundraisers. If you would like to be included in this, please add your name to the email list that is kept with Mrs Salt in the office. The emails will be aiming to keep you better informed about any cake sales, raffles etc. There is, as ever, no obligation to get involved but you might just like to know what is going on.

Polite Toddler Request

Please can parents take care in the Puffin outdoor area to ensure that any toddlers don't play with equipment set up. The teachers and TAs often set up learning opportunities in advance and need to have confidence that everything is ready to go when they come to access those resources as part of lessons. Thank you.

School Improvement

Teachers and support staff have been busy this week reviewing their performance of the previous year and planning further for our school improvement over the year ahead. It's a continuous cycle involving analysis of strengths and next steps. We are very lucky here to have such a committed staff who each show determination to make a difference to your children and lead on various projects and improvements.

We are expecting a visit from Ofsted around May 2018 as part of the 3-year inspection cycle. Inspectors will be looking to see if we have addressed our next steps identified at the previous inspection which was the quality of handwriting and the progress children make in writing in their topic work. This rich curriculum we provide for your children is a key area for Ofsted to look at. We are confident we can demonstrate this. Mrs Gill will be leading this further to ensure our curriculum is the best possible.

They will also be looking at other lines of enquiry based on their analysis of external data. We suspect that Maths might be an area because standards here don't always reach the heights of Writing and Reading. Mrs Kerswell will be leading us with Maths this year and as mentioned previously, we are taking part in an exciting Maths collaboration project with other schools.

Safeguarding, as ever, continues to be a main focus area for Ofsted and for general safe practice.

Have a lovely weekend.

