

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you all to give an update on how we are progressing with our school improvement journey.

As you will be aware, we have enjoyed the excellent support of Cassie Palmer and Jo Campbell, two seconded deputy head teachers who have been supporting us in Sandra Denton's absence. They have been working very hard on developing our teaching & learning skills and our assessment of the children's capabilities. The work they have done since half term has already had a tremendous impact. They have been working with a core group of teachers in supporting colleagues in the teaching of mixed ability maths, improving the quality of planning and assessment across the school.



As a staff we have reviewed our behaviour policy with clearer sanctions and rewards. The use of the Dojo's has been extended so that this now forms the basis of the reward and communication system between you and the class teacher. The first children will soon be receiving their certificates. Thank you for engaging in the dojo system so positively. We will be publishing our reviewed behaviour policy very soon.

We are currently looking forward to our conversion date, Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. The work we have been doing with Ratton has been substantial. We have worked very closely on all school improvement matters, providing an amazing range of support in a variety of areas. We are all very grateful for the support that Ratton have been providing us these past 2 terms.

The swimming pool will be up and running again very soon. The boiler has been replaced through the very kind donation of the Friends of Ocklynge. The repair work will take place this week and we hope to be open again next week.



Our current parent council has not met this year yet but I am intending to get it up and running in early January. We meet once every term in the theatre. If you are interested in joining our parent council please email me directly and I will add you to the emailing list and send you the terms of reference. I look forward to hearing from you.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the children are practicing their Carols every week. Year 3 are starting to rehearse for the Christmas show and Mrs Johnstone is planning some Christmas concerts in mid-December. More information to follow.



The school is currently looking amazing. The new display boards that were put up in the summer have all got lots of great work on them. The corridors and learning spaces are all looking fantastic with great work on display at every turn.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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