



DORE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHANGE TEAM

Annual Newsletter

July 2015

Annual Round up

The School Change Team is the Parent's voice to the school and at the first meeting each year we look at any areas for improvement and any quick wins. The SCT is open to all parents and we welcome new ideas. A big thank you to all parents, staff and governors who have attended this year.

This year we had a larger number of parents than normal due to the Mixed Age Y1/Y2 classes. The SCT has been actively involved in the communication with school and now a final plan has been implemented to move this cohort to next year.

For the SCT to be effective, it needs to secure input and representation from new parent members. If anyone would like to join the team for September 2015 to 2016 please email headteacher@dore.sheffield.sch.uk.

The provisional date of the next meeting 28/9/15 at 7 p.m. is to be confirmed with Lynnette Glossop, new Head teacher and all parents will be emailed next term to ask if they wish to join.

*"The motto of TEAM
Dore is naturally apparent around the school at all times of the dayPupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exceptional"*

- Ofsted
Report



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Sports Day 2015

Road Safety Group

We thank Jeff Anderson for all his hard work in leading the team. This parent Road Safety Team has had great impact! Unfortunately Jeff has to stand down now due to work commitments and a replacement leader is needed. No-one as yet has come forward.

Below is a summary of the meetings and their outcomes this year:-

- It was agreed that 1 permission slip for local trips could be signed at the start of the year and will be carried forward through the school.
- Returned forms for school clubs are now put into a hat on the final submission date instead of a first come first served basis. This is to make it fair for all parents that can't always get to school.
- Children in KS1 are released one at a time once the teacher has seen the adult picking them up.
- The arrangements are now in place for 1 mixed class of Y2/Y3 children. They will be based on the top floor of the Juniors with Y6 moving into the current Y3 mobile. Staff commented on how well this year has worked and that they are really pleased with the results.
- The children will be told the names of their new class on Monday 6th July and the SCT was asked to convey to all parents to be sensitive to all children/parents who are in this mixed class. The conversations with the parents from both year groups who are moving to this class has gone extremely well but some are concerned at the reaction of other parents. A few had questions which were discussed with the staff.
- The school fund pot contributions are at only 58% and we need to encourage parents to pay this so that all children benefit from the curriculum enrichment activities; it is currently subsidised by the 58% who contribute and school budget. Activities have been reduced this year.



Dore 20 is Plenty

Admissions for 2017

In 2017 there will be approximately 15 children in Dore and Totley who won't have places in their catchment school. Sheffield City Council is coming in the Autumn term to discuss this with the Head teacher and Chair of Governors. A SCT member and a governor went to consultation meetings at the Town Hall and said it is vital that parents get involved when the next consultation period comes up. Individual parent letters will have a greater impact. The school change team could work with the governing body on this too.

Parental Engagement

It was expressed by the Head teacher, staff and governors, how they were surprised at the lack of response received from parents after the Ofsted Outstanding Grade. Also staff have felt disappointed at a lack of acknowledgement of the success of special events and residential trips in which extra time and energy is expended by staff in their own time to ensure the children have a rich experience and are safe and well cared for. Individual thanks to teachers are ALWAYS welcomed and also emails about larger events, or particular successful outcomes in situations can be emailed to the Headteacher to be forwarded to staff as part of their formal performance records. The teachers really appreciate the parental support for school trips and help in the classrooms.

School Clubs

The SCT want to ensure that parents understand that all school clubs and many teams are being run by staff in their own time as a voluntary activity. Clubs and activities rely on this good will and also on staff capacity, interest and expertise for this extra provision as EXTRA CURRICULAR out of school hours activity. The school offers according to capacity. Unfortunately unless we can get 4-6 volunteers to do a rota for Let's Get Cooking, this club will have to cease. Training is provided. If a parent would like to assist in the running of a new school club, they will need to liaise with Amy Breen in the school office and be CRB checked.

School Fund/Budget

Only 58% of parents have contributed to the school fund. Reminder letters are being sent in case this has been overlooked. This year the money has paid for bus fares, cooking ingredients, curriculum visitors and speakers, special events for Key Stages, music performers, some extra equipment which is used by all. It was explained that all year groups benefit from the School Fund. Sometimes school pot funds subsidise an enrichment activity. You can see the huge range of enrichment activities by looking at NEWS and the excellent Learning Journeys on the website. Our curriculum and children's learning engagement was described by all 3 Ofsted Inspectors as 'phenomenal.' **ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CUT BACK THIS YEAR** as it was clear in Autumn that insufficient funds had been contributed and that school budget can no longer subsidise. Funds received now will pay back the budget money spent which has increased our deficit. **It will make a difference. THANK YOU.**

Please ensure you go onto www.Parentpay.co.uk to make your contribution – it's not too late.

Contact Us

If you would like more information about the SCT, please contact headteacher@dore.sheffield.sch.uk.

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