

Minutes of Parent Panel Meeting 14.10.13

- 1.** A dishwasher is due to be installed in the kitchen before Christmas for cutlery washing. Trays, which are used only to carry the children's dinner plate, are now stacked after being wiped with antibacterial spray so they can dry adequately.
- 2.** Fruit is always available at lunch times, although this may be sliced rather than a whole piece.
- 3.** Children do not work on all of their targets all of the time; the class teachers can supply copies of children's targets on request and clarify which are current.
- 4.** In response to parents' suggestions, the autumn term consultations allow parents to meet with their child's numeracy and literacy teacher(s) as well as the class teacher.
- 5.** The enrichment maths sessions at Roundwood Primary School are for two children only from each school and are designed for the same children to attend in both Year 5 and Year 6. Now that maths is being taught in three sets at Crabtree, with Level 6 teaching in the upper set, continuation with the Roundwood scheme is under review.
- 6.** The school is experimenting with Literacy setting for Year 3 children and this will be evaluated at the end of the trial period.
- 7.** Children's self-esteem is taken very seriously at Crabtree Junior School. With setting, children are sometimes more aware of other children's levels and targets, but they are encouraged to celebrate their own achievement in relation to their own specific targets. The Challenge for Champions scheme within school helps children to learn to celebrate their individual successful learning.
- 8.** The school has a small pool of regular supply teachers and does its best to ensure continuity when teachers are absent or have appointments. Cedar parents will be informed as soon as Mrs Wright's maternity cover appointment has been made.
- 9.** Parents had requested clarification about why some children had been selected for extra handwriting work to be done at home ; they felt the letter accompanying the handwriting pack had not given enough detail about their child's handwriting assessment. Mr Patrick will review the school-home communication and Jacky Parkinson will discuss at her next inclusion visit.
- 10.** Positions of responsibility: some roles are voted for by the peer group and therefore children can stand for election more than once; however, in the case of sports titles, it was confirmed that no child should have more than two badges, one of which would be for the sport and one for overall captain for Year 6.
- 11.** The school has a PE team selection policy. Offering the opportunity to Year 5 pupils to represent the school at sport acknowledges their contribution at a higher level and is similar to how other schools in Harpenden manage their team selection