



## Redbourn Infant and Nursery School Parent Focus Group June 2016

### Who are the Parent Focus Group and what do we do?

For a "who's who" you'll see a list over to the right of this newsletter. As for what we do? The PFG meet once every half term to discuss any issues/news/feedback coming from the parents to the school and from the school to the parents. Each class has a rep who notifies their class before a meeting so anyone can raise questions/give feedback for their rep to bring to the meeting. It isn't a "moan and groan" session but rather an open discussion that is always looking at the best ways to make sure that our children's (and our own!) experience of the school is the most positive it can be. Some of the things we talked about this time are .....

### Summer

Now that we are finally seeing some nice weather, there are a number of important things that we need to remember:

- \* **Open-toed sandals** – these are NOT uniform as they are not safe for the children to play outside in so please make sure all shoes have covered toes.
- ✓ **Water bottles** – these need to come in every day and teaching staff have been asked to make extra efforts to encourage the children to drink plenty of water.
- ✓ Hats and suncream – hats need to be worn (labelled please!) and suncream needs to be applied before school. It is not possible for the staff to apply suncream to the children during the day – so please consider using one that lasts all day.



### Transition

There is a tight transition programmed in place that worked very successfully last year. There will be something happening each week where the children will have the chance to visit their new classes and meet with their new teachers. This of course includes Year 2 who will have time with the Year 3 teachers and be visiting the Junior School regularly. The main thing any Year 2 parent/carer should try to do now is enjoy what remains of the last term with all the special events that will be taking place before the end of the year.

### Who are we?

Nursery AM – Katie Faulkner  
Nursery PM – Laura Barrett  
Lime – Helen Taylor  
Willow – Sarah Smith  
Oak – Natalie Friquiche  
Beech – Katie Pryor  
Maple – Tracy Bennett  
Chestnut – Jane Graham  
Chair – Donna Russell  
Parent Governor – Kerri Orchard  
Head Teacher – Jane Byrne  
Senior Leadership Team – Amanda Bowran



### Good News

- \* Several of our PFG reps were asked by their classes to feed back to the meeting how much the parents had enjoyed the opportunity to come and work shadow their children.
- \* There was also praise for the new windows – not only how much they have improved the look of the school but also how well the communication between the school and the parents was managed during their installation.



### Lost Property

There is yet again a huge amount of un-labelled uniform in the lost property boxes – please do look through them if your child has lost anything.

PLEASE can parents/carers ensure that all their children's uniform is clearly labelled including hats, coats, shoes etc.

### School Photographer

- ❖ A number of parents had raised concerns over the quality of the individual school photographs. These were fed back to the photographer and we hope that you were satisfied with the quality of the recent class photographs.

### Volunteering

- The Forest Schools area is in need of a tidy up! If there are any parents/carers/relatives who would be willing to come up once a month and help trim, weed and tidy at a date and time to suit them – please do get in contact with the school office.
- On the subject of volunteers – new Education guidelines will mean that all volunteers must have two references in addition to the DBS clearance from September. More information will follow in due course.

