

School Council – 18.01.19

Focus of the meeting today was to go through the decisions made at the end of last Term about the best way to promote our special words. Then there was the opportunity to discuss any issues and projects for the coming term.

Amelia and Tom, our Head Girl and Boy, both meet with Ms Cooper on a weekly basis to discuss projects and general school based issues. These ideas are then brought to the School Council.

- School Council discussed how we are going to organise for PowerPoints to be created to display OG's special words. Year 6 and 5 SC Reps volunteered to start these in their weekly fifteen minutes Free Time. Ms Cooper explained that after they had started them, she would run a couple of lunchtime sessions for them to be completed.
- One of the agreed display ideas is painting the special words in large typefaces around the school. Ms Cooper said that she would get quotes from tradespeople who complete this kind of work; and then school Council can discuss and agree the best deal.
- Ms Cooper then went on to explain that the older members of School Council (Years 4 – 6) were being invited to a Governor Attainment and Progress Meeting. The Governors want to discuss how the children feel things are going in key curriculum focus areas which have been identified in the School Improvement Plan. The Representatives will be asked about their thoughts on 1) Reading 2) Writing 3) IPC 4) Maths
- **Plastic Free School**
Ms Cooper discussed this with the School Council. This idea has already been discussed with the Head Boy and Girl who have been asked to carry out some research and work out some ideas on how we can start to get rid of single use plastics at our school. Ms Cooper requested that SC Reps complete some research at home and then work on creating posters to raise the awareness of the school community; this seemed a good starting point.
- **General discussion.**
SC were asked if there was anything that they would like to raise. The following points were discussed:

- a) Corridors at the end of lunch and break times are very hectic. SC want to look at a way that the beginning of lessons can be made smoother, as it takes some time for everyone to get sorted. Year 5 Reps requested that we consider staggering the year groups coming in so that the number of children outside the lockers, is limited at any one time.
- b) Perhaps we could arrange to visit a recycling unit so that we all have a better idea about what happens to our rubbish. Ms Cooper will look into this.
- c) SC requested that we have special days where the focus is on Reading (like World Book Day). It was discussed that this is always a good way to get everyone motivated and talking about books, but that we should have them as more regular events. Ms Cooper said that she would discuss this with the staff.

The meeting closed at 12:30