

## **HeadTeacher report for Parent Council – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019**

School roll remains around the 580 mark. We have still to receive our class organisation for session 19 / 20. We have started to consider both staffing and classroom allocation for August.

**Staffing** – Our two new PSAs joined the team. Giselle and Loli (one a former parent and the other a current parent) have settled in well. We said goodbye to Sarah, another of our PSAs, who has left to commence speech and language therapy training. Mrs Gordon will go on maternity leave on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March – interviews for her post will take place on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sandra Brown, our new Family Support worker, started with us on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and is spending time getting to know families.

**Budget** – consultation on council budget savings (cuts) are underway. It is hoped to protect frontline education services as far as is possible. However, the reality is that there is likely to be some impact. We have remained within school budget this year and have a small underspend at the moment. We have managed to provide supply cover predominantly from within school. Any underspend will go towards purchasing language and numeracy resources for Aug 2019.

**Pupil Equity Funding** – on main agenda

**Reporting on progress** – The recent coffee mornings have been very well attended and feedback has been really positive. Our theme this year is Building Resilience. The imovie produced by Cheryl Berthinussen has been a great success (and quite emotional). Our next parents' evening and afternoon are scheduled for Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> and Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **Building and playground – Building update**

The fence has been erected and we are looking forward to making full use of the new grass area in the near future. P7 are in the process of making posters to discourage dog owners from allowing their dogs to use it as a toilet. Not ideal! P7 also carried out a community clean and tidy of the playground on Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan and many of them have offered to continue this week. They made a great difference and filled over 40 bags with leaves etc.

An application has been made for a grant to improve the front entrance area of the playground. This would involve installing an outdoor library, seating and planting. One of our artist parents has submitted an initial plan for the area and the TPSA have agreed to assist with funding dependant on our success, or not, in securing a grant. Our chickens are now four with Madonna being sent away due to her bullying tactics! We were all delighted to make it onto Radio Forth and the One Show with our chicken story.

We are planning on using the gate into the park as our main west entrance as of Mon Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. This will mean that the gate into the lane will remain locked.

The upgrade to our lighting etc is continuing. The schedule of works is on track and will move to exterior work from Easter. There are plans to install our own boiler room. Unfortunately, it is likely that this will involve an area of the courtyard being subsumed into the new plant room. However, having control of our own heating will be beneficial.

**Learning at Trinity** – Christmas events all went well with a great community spirit at our Santa fun run, church service, karaoke etc. The P7 show is beginning to get underway with auditions in hand. Visits planned to Dundee, Risk Factory, museum. Swimming is causing a few difficulties with the pool at Broughton often closed. We have been in touch with the sports unit to see if we can move venue for next session.

Classes are currently looking at writing in the world of work. This will culminate in a cluster event in the summer term. Our whole school focus will be 'Bonkers about Books' and will start off with our visit to see Matilda.

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