

Open Forum 5th September 2014

Settling in:

- EK invited everyone to have a look around the school – many changes have taken place over the summer with regards to updating the classrooms and other areas.
 - Both Owls and Swans classes have got new tables and chairs for the children and 3 classrooms have been painted. Staff had given a lot of their personal time over the summer to prepare for the new term.
 - A special thanks to Carol Halsall for her fantastic display board for the merit charts this year.
 - Mr Bassett is the new class teacher for Owls and has already proved to be very popular with the children. As an NQT, he is still completing his training, but equally has come with some fantastic ideas and energy for the class.
 - Stefan Robson has been employed for the year to be our Sports Coach and will be covering the PPA time for 3 teachers; EK is still taking the Reception class PPA and the additional one for Mr Bassett.

Sports Day:

- A long discussion was had regarding the Sports Day last summer – the overall feeling was that this could be improved on:
 - There should be more competitive sports for the children
 - That the whole event had been too squashed into one area (it was explained this had not been the plan, but with temperatures well into the high 20s, only shaded areas had been used.)
 - Some events, such as the skipping were too confined and not very interesting to watch.
 - EK said the next stage would be to put these ideas to the school council to get the children's opinions; the premise for sports day was that it was for the children and that staff spent a lot of time trying to keep everyone active and involved.

Walk around:

- Parents were then invited to walk through the school with EK and see the classrooms and their children at work.