

Open Meeting 21st September 2016

Discussion Points

- Forest Schools - Jane Ellsmoor expressed an interest in helping and getting involved with forest schools.
- Mrs Ward shared our new garden design for the entrance to school which had been drawn up by Lisa Richardson. Mrs Ward is keen to get the project underway but would require assistance with the donation of new plants and for gardeners to help create the garden. Mrs Ward has been in contact with Bridgemere who have expressed an interest to help, a meeting is to be planned to run through requirements. Support was also offered by one of the councillors.
- Mrs Ward discussed ideas for further improving the school grounds e.g. Willow tunnels, Sensory Garden, Poly tunnel/dedicated fenced off garden area with raised beds.
- Mrs Ward is looking to improve storage for wellies/forest school kit.
- The school is looking to provide new seating for the library area using the FOWS funding.
- The idea of a parent/community 'Drop-in' meeting evolved from the original idea of a parent council. We felt that a half-termly 'Drop-in' meeting would encourage parents/community members to drop by to discuss school issues, offer ideas and support for the school. We decided that the meeting should take place on the same day/time that people will remember. The meeting would have a small agenda with pupils presenting any particular school focuses.
- The Friends of Woore School (FOWS) are in urgent need of committee members, in particular, Chairperson and Treasurer who are both due to step down at the AGM in October. If these places cannot be filled, the charity may have to fold which will mean that all those additional extras that the FOWS provides will no longer be available for your children.
- School Wish list-Resources (wood, stone, conkers etc), manpower/skills sets to help us achieve our goals.
- Assemblies-we are looking for visitors (parents, members of the community) to share what they do in their jobs
- A big discussion was had about how the school needed to improve numbers of children (particularly in catchment) to allow us to achieve our dreams of larger classrooms and additional buildings. At present Shropshire Council will not support us in helping to make Class 2 larger as the amount of 'in-area' pupils on roll in school would sufficiently fill 2 classrooms. Mrs Ward asked everyone to spread the word and advertise the school to help improve our learning spaces.
- We discussed a new banner for the village outlining our provision and 'morning/after-school club' care, nursery provision etc. The school will be advertising in 'The Gossip' and village magazines.
- The councillors discussed new housing within the village and how this might affect the school. Mrs Ward said that we would need ample notice in order that we can plan for an influx of children to the school.
- Discussions were also had about school signage so that the school was clearly visible from the road. The councillors are going to follow this point up.

Everyone was thanked for their attendance