Head Teacher Report

16 May 2016

Donations received

Mr Ian Dickson from the Rotary club has kindly wrote a cheque to fund half of the mobile interactive magic carpet system. Staff have agreed that £2000 should be used from school funds to go ahead and purchase this in time for the beginning of new school session (16/17).

Health and Hygiene

Unfortunately we seem to have a few bugs lingering in school. Therefore I have had to put a post onto the blog re: sending children home if they have a temperature. I will circulate further information from Infection Control guidance at tonight’s Parent Evening.

New Area Inclusion Worker

Catherine McKenzie has visited school and she will take over the cases that were allocated to Diane Reekie. The number of home link workers for the authority have reduced, however Catherine will continue to provide ongoing support to Haysholm when required.

Parent/Carer Focus Group

I have made a request for parents/carers to attend a focus group to review some of the curriculum development work we have carried out on health and wellbeing this year. This includes our Core Curriculum Planners that set out possible progression pathways for our children and young people.

Parent’s Evening

Questionnaires will be distributed at tonight’s parents evening as part of our on-going self-evaluation processes. Ayrshire Children’s Services and SENSE Scotland will have information tables during the evening.

Learning Events

The training provided by Christina Larsen, Parent Council Chair on ‘Autism, A Family Perspective’ has been very well received by the staff. Staff found it extremely valuable in helping them to understand how Autism impacts on family life.

Our forthcoming in-service will focus on the completion of the Makaton Foundation course and in the afternoon we will review our curriculum rationale and carry out self-evaluation tasks from the new How Good is Our School 4th Edition.

Statutory Public Consultation

The Authority are keen to proceed with this in the new school session, they are very keen to consult with HTs and Parent Council Chairs to help draft the proposal paper. I will involve all class teams in brainstorming the educational benefits that a new school will bring.