

# St Thomas's CE Primary School

## MINUTES

Pupils, Curriculum, and Community Meeting  
Thursday 21 April 2016 at 2.00 pm

Agenda Item		Action
1	<b>Attendance</b> George Briggs - Chair Mick Brookes Maggie Cole - Head Heather Keating - Clerk Kath Pink Nicola Wright Helen Towler	
2	<b>Apologies</b> Helen Proudfoot	
3	<b>Declaration of interests</b> None	
4	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> The minutes of the last meeting held on 21 January 2016 were agreed and approved.	
5	<b>Matters arising not on the agenda</b> MC and MB gave an update of the SIM meeting held on 20 April 2016. The meeting was attended by Joanne Thornhill, Tanya Hughes, NW, SC, MC and MB. It was a very positive meeting with the recommendation that the frequency be reduced to one per term. The main focus was to talk about where we are in relation to progress. The other aspect is about the support we receive from Tanya and, moving forward, are we ready for Ofsted.  Discussions took place regarding a replacement for Tanya who is leaving. It was agreed that it is good practice to have this support in place but MC would like to be involved in finding someone and making the final selection. Tanya will come back with names of people who have capacity. Validation of judgements is the key factor and cross moderation continues to be carried out with Milnthorpe for every year group.	
6	<b>Progress</b> MC gave an update on progress for Year 6 and Year 2. Assessments had been carried out before Easter. The government has advised that the standard equates to the previous 4b but MC said the questions seem to be higher.  <i>Year 6</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52% - Reading Expected 83%</li> <li>• 48% - Writing Expected 83%</li> <li>• 69% - Maths Expected 89%</li> </ul> <i>Year 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 62% - Reading Expected 81%</li> <li>• 58% - Writing Expected 85%</li> <li>• 73% - Maths Expected 77%</li> </ul>	

	<p>Clare's work was discussed and praised at the SIM meeting yesterday. Tests have been carried out earlier today observed by someone from the agency. No issues arose.</p> <p>Staff are now better prepared to talk about those children who aren't achieving and groups of children can be targeted with interventions.</p> <p>MB asked about the two children at KS1 that are struggling with maths. MC said that 2 interventions had been put in place and further assessments will now be carried out. The Sandwell test will be used.</p> <p><i>Early years</i> Sarah has targeted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83% - Reading</li> <li>• 79% - Writing</li> <li>• 83% - Maths</li> </ul> <p>MC reported a good level of development and is confident that these targets will be achieved.</p> <p>There is no prior assessment for early years. MC explained that the government had brought in a baseline but this has been withdrawn. The purpose was that progress could be checked, not just attainment. There were three assessments available but were not compatible with each other so results couldn't be compared.</p> <p>Targets for KS1 can be based on what was achieved at the end of EY.</p> <p>HT asked how the issue raised by Ofsted of not challenging children has been addressed. MC and NW gave a comprehensive overview of how challenge and choice have been introduced enabling and encouraging children to take responsibility for their own learning. The big difference is how children now talk about their learning and realise they are being challenged.</p>	
7	<p><b>Post Ofsted plan (incorporating SIP)</b> This had been discussed at the SIM meeting. This is a regular item with SLT and MC has annotated the plan with updates. All items are on track to be completed. There are one or two small things, such as moderation with Milnthorpe, where actions are dependent on someone else. A joint staff meeting with Milnthorpe is organised.</p> <p>There are a few governor items that need to be updated, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of link governors</li> <li>• Governors to be fully involved in re-visioning</li> <li>• Setting up and maintaining a record of governor training</li> </ul> <p>MB asked that an update be presented at the next FGB.</p> <p>MC informed governors that Safeguarding training has been arranged for 1 September at 1.30 pm. Governors are invited to attend.</p>	
8	<p><b>Community issues/events</b> MC reminded governors that this year celebrates the school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. A service will be held at the church on Monday 13 June at 1.30 pm.</p>	

		Information evenings have been arranged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths – 17 May, 6.00 -7.00 pm</li> <li>• English – 7 June, 6.00 – 7.00 pm</li> </ul>	
9		<b>Date and time of next meeting</b> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 July at 2.00pm.	