

Mr. France stressed however that this success will not lead to complacency and that the school will work hard to maintain improvement. The school still has a Maths Curriculum Maintenance Plan which will be adhered to.

The governors wished to record their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work done by Ms. Dominey and Ms. Foster in enabling the school to attain these excellent results.

P.E.

Mr. France gave a verbal report to the committee. He mentioned the huge impact that the work done by Mr. Noyce in providing P.E. coaching to the school. This has made a great difference to the children and also the staff who have worked along with him. Mr. France praised the dedication and commitment of Mr. Noyce and mentioned that he will frequently go above and beyond his duty in helping the school.

The governors wished to record their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work done by Mr. Noyce in providing P.E. coaching and raising the overall standards in the school.

At this point of the meeting Ms. Knudsen mentioned the service provided by 'Storycises' which aims to improve children's foundation movement skills, thereby helping them to deal better with school life and maximize their academic attainment. The scheme has been devised by 2 paediatric physiotherapists who have observed that the children struggling with activities at school and learning often have gaps in their fundamental movement skills. She said that some of the results figures claimed are impressive and that other schools in the area are using the service. Mr. France said that it was worth investigating and said that he would look at the product to see if it could be helpful.

6. Agree and organise a review of policies

The Target Setting policy is due for review in November 2015. Mr. France questioned whether the policy is a statutory requirement and Ms. Cobden agreed to find out. If it isn't, the school may decide not to maintain the policy.

7. NC Assessment and attainment 2015

Ms. Cobden had circulated a document prior to the meeting called 'National curriculum assessments at key stage 2 in England, 2015 (provisional)' which provides provisional 2015 key stage 2 national curriculum assessment results for pupils in schools in England at national, regional and local authority level.

Mr. France mentioned that school staff are currently engaged in national curriculum assessment training, however its effectiveness is hampered by a lack of clear direction from the Department for Education (DfE).

8. Discussion on "Mastery"

Mr. France mentioned that the school is well equipped to deliver a mastery approach to teaching. There is a facility on the school pupil tracker to enter the level of mastery attained on a range of #1 to #4. Mastery is highlighted as a priority on the School Development Plan and the school will respond further when clearer guidance is published by the DfE. It was also noted that there is some good guidance on the Key for Governors website.

There was a discussion around the frustration caused by the lack of consistency around targets and assessment from the DfE which causes uncertainty and instability in schools. It was felt that the emphasis on hitting targets along with the severe penalties applied when they are missed leads to a culture of fear which prevents schools from making learning as interesting and varied as it could be.

Ms. Cobden mentioned that she had some information on suggested approaches from the NCETM (National College for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) which she offered to circulate to the non-staff members of the committee.

9. Chair's Correspondence

There was none.

9. Items for next Agenda

- Science Lead Report
- Music Lead Report

The meeting closed at 09:50

Future Meeting Dates:

PFM Meeting no.1	Thu 1 Oct 2015	17:30
FGB Meeting no.2	Wed 11 Nov 2015	17:30
PPC Meeting no.2	Mon 30 Nov 2015	17:00
Curriculum Meeting no.2	Wed 2 Dec 2015	09:00
PFM Meeting no.2	Thu 10 Dec 2015	17:30
FGB Meeting no.3	Wed 13 Jan 2016	17:30
FGB Meeting no.4	Wed 9 Mar 2016	17:30
PPC Meeting no.3	Mon 14 Mar 2016	17:00
Curriculum Meeting no.3	Wed 23 Mar 2016	09:00
PFM Meeting no.3	Thu 28 Apr 2016	17:30
FGB Meeting no.5	Wed 4 May 2016	17:30
PPC Meeting no.4	Mon 13 Jun 2016	17:00
Curriculum Meeting no.4	Wed 22 Jun 2016	09:00
PFM Meeting no.4	Thu 30 Jun 2016	17:30
FGB Meeting no.6	Wed 6 Jul 2016	17:30