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Dear families and children,

Parents Evenings and Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you for attending the recent parents evening and showing your support for your child. Yet again parent/carers attendance was excellent, which shows the determination and dedication of the vast majority of our families, to work with the school and ensure their children receive the very best from school and home.

I know that a few families could not attend due to commitments and events. If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office staff who will assist you in making an appointment.

During parents evening, we asked you to complete an online questionnaire about how the school communicates with you. We asked for your view on our text system, website, online reporting system and telephone system. We had almost 100 responses - thank you. A copy of the questionnaire results can be downloaded from the school website under this newsletter.

Your responses to the questionnaire were overwhelmingly positive and you gave us some superb ideas as to how we can move forward to improve communication for you.

Paper copies of documents

A query that was made through the parent/carers questionnaire, was that paper copies are made available of reports, newsletters etc. This is something we are looking into doing. Our bursar is currently undertaking a costing exercise for newsletters/reports etc so we can apply an appropriate and fair administration charge for paper copies of documents. As soon as I have this information, I will let you know and we will upload payment details onto TUCASI for you.

Online School reports contents

Feedback in the online questionnaire raised the question from a few parent/carers that the comments on the children's online reports are from a generic bank, so are impersonal. This impression is understandable so I thought it may help if I explain to you how the comments are generated by the teachers.

Throughout the year, the teachers make assessments in our online assessment system (SPTO) for every child, in every subject. It is from this assessment system that the online reports are generated.

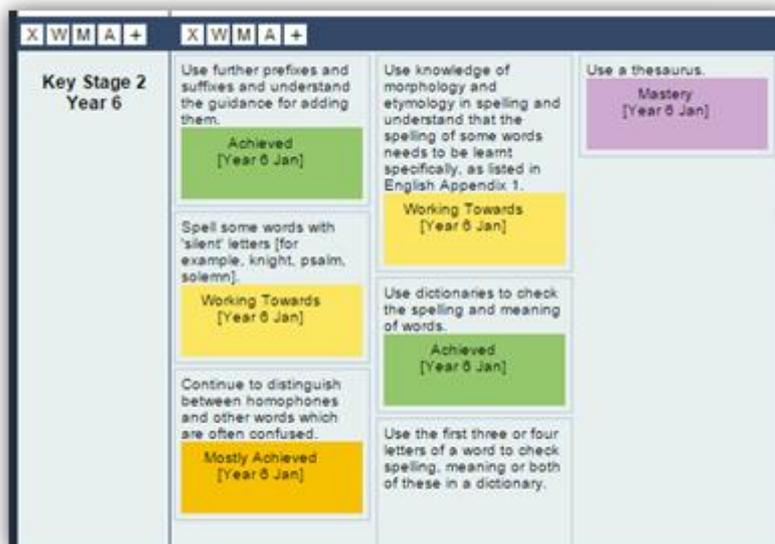
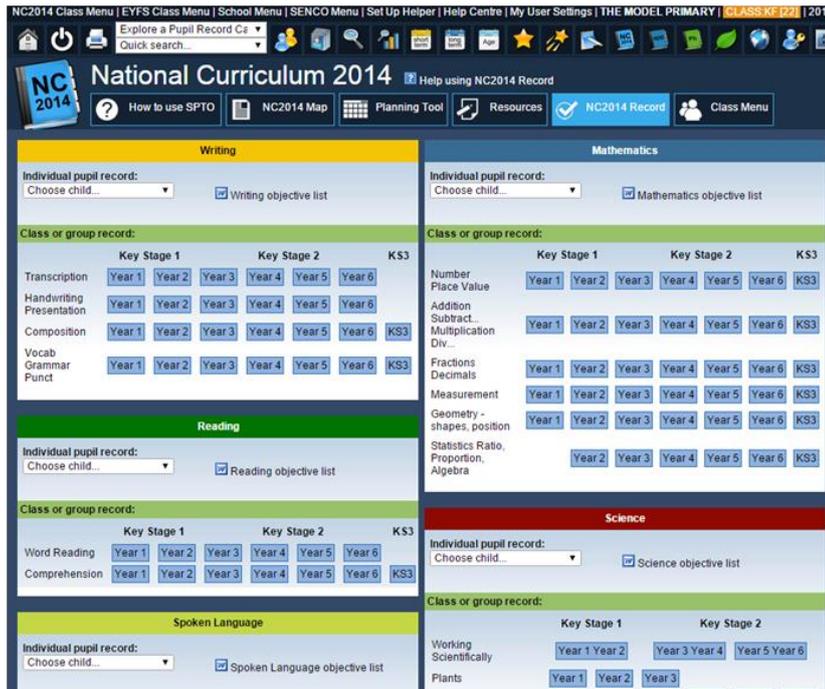
The first screenshot below, shows the main assessments for all the children in the school for just maths, English and science (they are available for all other subjects too!). Clicking on the appropriate



year and selecting each individual child then shows a more detailed breakdown of the areas of assessment within that subject for that year.

The second example below shows one small section within the spelling section of SPTO for an individual child in year 6.

As the teacher assesses the child they assess how 'deeply' the child has met this target - this ranges from 'working towards' to 'mastery' and this colour codes the assessment judgment, which can then be reviewed and changed as the child learns more or deepens their learning. At the end of the year, or at any point a report is switched on, the teacher is able to select and edit statements from these statements for the online reports, so making them individual to that child at that time.



Halloween disco

This was a great success again - many thanks to the PTA for a wonderful event and to the children and families for an amazing effort!

Firework Evening

The PTA are putting on their second Firework evening on Thursday 3rd November. Do join us for another wonderful event. Gates open at 5.30pm and the display will be at 6.30pm and last for approximately 15 minutes. The main car park will not be available so please walk to the event if you can (the weather looks much better than last year - fingers crossed!) or please park with consideration for the neighbours and residents around the school. Further details of the event are on the School Office page of the website.

PTA Pamper Evening

The Pamper Evening is on Friday 11th November. Tickets will be on sale during the fireworks event. Entrance with a pre bought ticket is £2 and includes a drink. Payment on the door is £4.

and finally,

Our wonderful children are also completing a questionnaire - about the new playground markings. I will let you have those results when I have them!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher