

Mr Sillitoe asked whether funding had been received from the Cluster to assist with necessary staffing costs. Ms Bates advised that bids had been completed and the closing date for submission to the Cluster was the 13th November. It was noted that 75% of the Infant School's previous bid to the Cluster had been met.

Ms Bates advised that some behaviour at the Infant School had been challenging but appropriate parents had been advised of this at a recent Parents Evening and were supportive of the school.

There were no additional matters from the report.

5. Data

Governors had been forwarded all data prior to the meeting. Ms Bates advised that RAISE online had been published and gave an explanation of RAISE and the colour coding of the data.

The Infant School had performed well with the data being positive. Attainment levels were lower than last year but this was due to the cohort. The phonics results were also lower for the year with the Infant School achieving a rate of 68% compared to a national rate of 77%. Mrs Vaughan gave a full explanation of the systems that had been put into place during the current academic year.

Pupils had been reassessed and had been separated into three groups for teaching purposes. Parents had been advised about the tests and this information will be reiterated at a parents evening later in the academic year.

It is anticipated that the majority of pupils who were unsuccessful in passing the test during the last academic year should pass this year.

Ms Bates highlighted the data from the Junior School and advised that achievement levels were low.

Ms Bates had investigated why the results were lower than anticipated. It was considered staff turnover had an impact on the results and preparation prior to the tests was not as robust as in previous years.

Pupils at the top of level 4 were not given sufficient opportunity to progress into the next level.

Ms Bates noted that writing was an issue within the school. Mrs Vaughan asked about the quality of the evidence available. Ms Bates commented that pupils did not have sufficient evidence of writing at length. This had been investigated and it would appear that pupils had been writing on whiteboards and in jotters that had not been retained. Systems have been put into place to ensure there is now evidence of writing.

It was noted that teacher assessments and levelling by staff were sound and secure and were more positive than the SATs results.

It would appear that some pupils had a 'bad day' when the tests were taken as there was no indication prior to this that pupils would perform lower than expected.

Ms Bates noted that understanding of data by staff was improving and they were fully aware of the situation.

Governors separated into two groups to review the data.

It was noted that the year 6 cohort comprised of 15 girls and 35 boys and there were a significant number of special needs pupils.

Mr Sillitoe asked whether the tests were analysed in an attempt to ascertain areas where pupils needed additional assistance. Ms Bates advised this had been carried out and a computer intervention programme for maths had been purchased. Subject Leaders had reviewed the data and prepared a written report. Ms Bates advised that Subject Leaders had not undertaken monitoring; this was undertaken by herself.

Mrs Vaughan asked about the intervention programmes. Ms Bates advised the intervention programmes had not made a significant impact but believed this was a result of different personnel teaching the groups.

Mr Sillitoe asked how the results from both schools would compare to a primary school. Ms Bates advised that results obtained at Key Stage 1 at primary schools were generally lower than that of a dedicated infant school.

Ms Bates advised that the current area for concern was the progress of pupils who enter year 3 at level 2A.

It was agreed that data should be included on all future agendas to allow Governors to be kept fully aware of pupil attainment.

6. Any Other Business

- Christmas Fayre; This is to take place at the Infant School on Thursday 3rd December 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Any assistance would be gratefully received.
- Christmas Meal; Governors were invited to join staff at their Christmas celebrations on Friday 18th December at Friends, Great Yarmouth. Anyone wishing to attend to sign the list on the staff notice board at the Junior School.
- Curriculum Committee; It was agreed the Curriculum Committee should meet prior to the end of the Autumn Term to discuss the data. Mrs Vaughan to arrange a convenient date with other Committee members and advise Mr Sillitoe accordingly.

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7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21st January 2016, 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Issues for Governing Body/Committees:

- None

Date of Next Meeting and Agenda Items

- Thursday 21st January 2016
 Agenda Items: Infant School Safeguarding Report
 Governor Monitoring
 Data