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Dear Parents and Carers of Breakspeare School,

Please find below the summary of the Federation Consultation feedback. Given comments are in brackets. Those people who asked for additional information either attended consultation meetings or didn't provide a name to contact for the answers. Additional questions were around the impact on leadership and staff mobility, positives and negatives of the Federation and the timescale of the process. Please look at 'Frequently Asked Questions' on Breakspeare School's website.

Meadow Wood staff

- 8 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation
- 0 do not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 0 would have liked additional information before making a decision

Breakspeare staff

- 24 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation (advantages to the students, staff and parents, the two schools can move forward together with a shared vision for the children, a good opportunity to share expertise and resources)
- 1 does not support the recommendation to form a Federation (possible negative effect on management of the school)
- 1 would have liked additional information before making a decision

Meadow Wood parent / carer

- 7 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation
- 1 does not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 1 would have liked additional information before making a decision

Breakspeare parent / carer

- 13 support the governors' recommendation to form a Federation (give both schools a stronger voice, staff skill development, maximise use of funds and facilities, leadership structure)
- 2 do not support the recommendation to form a Federation
- 2 would have liked additional information before making a decision

This overall positive feedback provides important information for both governing bodies for their final decision making about the next steps of the federation initiative. The Federation Collaboration Committee (FCC) that has representatives from both governing bodies, has met several times. Currently the FCC is focusing on preparing the leadership of the Federation, confirming arrangements for the Federation governing body selections and ratifying the timescale of the next steps.

If it is decided that the Federation will go ahead there will be an opportunity to participate in making a decision about the name of the Federation using the SurveyMonkey online voting system. The FC would welcome ideas about suitable name for the federation. Please contact Chairs of Governing Boards Mr Michael Wheeler (wheelervobes@gmail.com) or Mrs Vanessa Robinson (kvknosnibor@gmail.com) or myself to make any suggestions.

8th March at 7 pm at Breakspeare School there will be a meeting for the parents and staff about the next steps of the Federation process. Please write this date into your calendars.

It has been a very exciting spring term at Breakspeare School as we have had two brilliant workshops



for our students. The students have experienced Chinese New Year through an exciting and colourful production that all students participated in. Once again we had the pleasure to have the Bamboozle Theatre Company from Leicester to deliver a workshop for our PMLD students. What a wonderful interactive experience of lights and sounds the workshop was! We were pleased to invite a group of students and staff from Meadow Wood School to join us for Bamboozle workshop and have lunch with us.

We are very fortunate that over the years we have been beneficiaries from many local companies, groups and charities. Their generosity is enabling us to provide some equipment and experiences for our students that otherwise would be difficult to purchase and organise.

- In February we have been able to purchase a, seven seat, Ford Galaxy thanks to the local restaurant company ZaZa. This will enable us to make more trips to the community enriching our curriculum and the students' school experiences.
- Abbots Langley Tough Ten has made it possible to purchase multisensory equipment for lower school PMLD students; this equipment will be purchased in March.
- Recently Croxley Green Fly Fishers have donated £900 for Breakspeare and Meadow Wood Schools to organize a workshop or event that brings all students together. This event will be organised during the summer term.

A couple of reminders

- Please look at regular updates for the students' learning activities on our school website's news section.
- Please remember to inform about your child's absence to the school office before 8.30 am. We are not able to accept information about your child's absence from transport staff. By informing about your child's absence as early as possible you enable us complete our safeguarding processes timely and use school resources effectively. Thank you for your co-operation.

I wish all and everyone happy holidays!

Kind regards,

Merja

