**Community Forum Meeting – day 1st November 2019 at Kenton Primary School.**

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|  | **Present** – Ron Morten (R and Y3), David Appleton (Parish Council), Amanda Somerwill, Jan Caig (Governor rep)  **Apologies** – Beth Morten (R and Y3), Pippa Harvey (Y5), Nicki Murphy (KSPA, Y2), Lydia Hughes (Y2), Becky Moffat (Y2 and Y5), Clair Harrison-Jones (Y4 and Y2), Alex Mitchelmore (Nursery and Y3) |

**How are things for parents and families? – financial, health, mental wellbeing**

* Members said that it is hard to know what is going on for others due to social distancing.
* AS asked that if parents are aware of families struggling with finances or with physical or mental health to encourage them to approach the school for support.
* Members suggested that the school could also promote the support available ie what is sent out in newsletters to also be placed as posters in the village noticeboard.

**What have we learnt from our children from this? – independence, need for routine, need for social links friends and familiar adults**

* Discussed how independent the Reception children have been this year.
* Discussed that the experience has taught us the clear focus and importance of routine, and social contact for our children’s good mental health.

**What have we learnt that we would like to continue into the future? That we would definitely like to stop?**

* Members said that they enjoyed having less going backwards and forwards between home and school ie water bottles.
* Members loved how the community had become closer - the Parish Council wish to keep the momentum going in ths.

**Are there any other difficulties not discussed that you would like us to try to address as a school?**

* New committee in place for the KSPA, with Ron Morten as Chair.
* KSPA wants to support trips and school resources as well as raising funds for the school field developments.
* School non-uniform days can be run to raise funds for KSPA this year if useful.
* Suggestion that the school links in to the new village newsletter format being developed, due to start in January 2021.
* Discussed the importance of governors from the local community.
* Discussed a possible combination of May Day 2021 with a ‘thank you’ to the village.

**Next meeting** – proposed as 2.00pm 20th January 2021