



**St John The Baptist Primary School Parent Council Meeting 3rd
November 6.30pm**

Attendees

Deborah Quinn	Fiona Vornic	Angela Hoey
Jane Hassan	Father Ivan	Jordan Phillips
Mrs Clark	Mrs McNulty	Claire McGraw
Mrs Currie	Miss Louise Parker	Emma Gartshore

Apologies

Ruth Mellor	Helen Darroch
James Quinn	Chrissie Denham

Mrs Currie Update

- Miss Parker has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher for 2 days after a vigorous interview process. Mrs Clarke remains as DHT for 3 days per week. Congratulations from everyone on the Parent Council.
- Leaks in the roof already but they were repaired and actioned very quickly
- New Sound system is in and operational
- Thank you to the councillors that have ensured our new Zig Zag lines were newly painted very quickly – it makes a massive difference.

Mrs McNulty Update on Numeracy Skills Workshops

- Numeracy skills workshop runs for 4 weeks, there was a high level of engagement from parents, which is fabulous to see, so thank you to everyone who got involved.
- They run every week in November, starting at 1.45pm each week.

Mrs Currie Updated on the Police incident in Primary Children's use of phones on WhatsApp

- It seems to be an isolated incident, however despite safety measures in place, there was a child targeted. Incident was at home, not in school.
- Police visited each class (P4-7) to discuss age-appropriate messages. Police will provide opportunity to meet with parents and offer support /advice. TBC
- The Parent Council and school leadership team worked quickly together to send out information to our school community of parents and carers to raise awareness of online social media security.

- Please speak to the school in the first instance, should you have any queries relating to this.

School spend PC funds to date:

- Chrome Book adaptors / chargers
- School trips (some money set aside for these)
- Bought Maths Recovery resources to support active maths
- Over £3000 on books – supplementing at all levels
- Bought a subscription to ClickView – to allow access to educational videos – similar to YouTube with clips with real Disney characters but its an educational tool.

Participating Budgeting

Children, Parents and carers voted in large numbers on Parents evening, for funds to be spent on:

- School trips and buses – this was the outstanding winner! Thanks to all those who voted.

If there were more funds, consideration would be given to the following:

- Snacks for children that don't have any / have forgotten them
- Cosy corners for each class for reading (covers, pillows etc)

Snacks and Donations

- Discussed if parents could support with the snacks
- Discussed creating a school wish list for these things
- Suggested asking Heaven (from Tesco) that supports the school in other ways
- M&S and Scotmid also have their community reach out

Dates for Term ahead

Wed 29th Oct - Rm 7 Showcase

Fri 31st Oct - Hallowe'en celebrations in school

Sun 2nd Nov - Confirmation Enrolment Mass @ 10am

Mon 3rd Nov - Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm

Fri 7th Nov - First Friday Mass in Church

Fri 7th Nov - Mini Vinnies Toiletries Collections - details to follow

Sun 9th Nov - Reconciliation Enrolment Mass

Mon 10th Nov - Staff Development Day - school closed to pupils

Thurs 20th Nov - Rm 10 Showcase

Fri 5th Dec - First Friday Mass in school

Sun 7th Dec - Grow Uddingston Christmas Fete - choir performing

Tues 9th - Christmas Concert - details to follow

Wed 10th Dec - Christmas Concert - details to follow

Thurs 11th - P6 Christmas Party

Thurs 11th Christmas Lunch Menu

Fri 12th Dec - P5 Christmas Party

Mon 15th Dec - P4 Christmas Party

Tues 16th Dec - P3 Christmas Party

Wed 17th Dec - P2 Christmas Party

Thurs 11th Dec - P7 Christmas Party Evening in Church Hall @ 6pm

Thurs 18th Dec - P1 Christmas Party

Fri 19th Dec - First Friday / End of Term Mass in Church at 11am

Fri 19th Dec - School Closes at 2.30pm

Question

Range of lower reading texts being issued- answered during discussion

Finance Report

- £2,242 – Balance in the account
- £7,148 Transferred to the school
- Approximately £220 profit made on the coffee morning on Sunday 2nd November

Coffee Morning

- Overall positive, great turnout and some lovely baking, so thank you to everyone who contributed to this, it was very much appreciated!
- Possibility of doing this once a month after the family mass – more details to follow in due course

Fundraising Ideas

A fundraising sub-committee has been set up. Some ideas so far:

- **Stay and Play** – utilising the Church Hall – offer families to stay and teas and coffees – no obligations to donate
- We have decided to rest the January event, so that won't take place this year, but we'll look for other opportunities to get everyone together, so please send your ideas to the fundraising sub-committee or anyone on Parent Council.
- **Card reader** – School team will look into this for donations at the coffee morning etc as we know cash is being used less and less.

Stay and Play

- Planned for P3 and P4 group in November, however, we couldn't get enough volunteers for this, so agreed to pause this event until into the new year.
- If you're a parent who would like to be involved in this, please contact the parent council to register your interest – we can only work with volunteers helping, so all help would be appreciated!
- PC members who can volunteer will get a PVG check completed prior to any event.

- Parent helpers are always welcome to volunteer at events and would ensure we're in line with regulations as required regarding PVGs

Christmas Fayre 7th December

- Fundraising group to check and confirm the availability and if we are taking a stall.
- Volunteers for the stall to be arranged – please contact the Parent Council fundraising group (either Helen Darroch or Claire McGraw) if you're available to help out on the day.
- Claire McGraw to set up WhatsApp group for fundraising. We had a good level of interest in learning more about and being more involved in fundraising from parent night. Thanks to those who added their name and contact details – you'll receive a message soon about the sub-committee.
- The School and Parent Council are very appreciative of everything our parent, school and parish community do already for the school, and we'd love to continue to build our group of volunteers for the various events that happen throughout the year.
- We'd kindly ask that if you're interested in being more involved (only what you can do!), please contact the parent council via email.

Christmas Nativity

- **Please check dates for all events in the SWAY newsletter.**
- **Christmas nativity dates – 9th and 10th December, times tbc.**
- Parent Council will organise a hamper to raffle – give every child a ticket and charge for extra tickets from parents on arrival – so please don't forget to bring some cash with you (only if you can) if you're lucky enough to attend the Christmas Nativity this year.
- Jane Hassan has kindly offered to arrange donations for hampers. If you have anything you'd like to donate – please hand into the school office and let the office team know it's for the hampers -thank you 😊

Neurodiversity and inclusivity questions:

- Claire McGraw discussed the school website, in particular updating it to signpost where parents can get help for things like supporting children with particular needs.
- Mrs Currie mentioned the staff are supportive of updating website
- Clare asked re the SWAY letters to include this information too, to reach as many parents as possible.
- Mrs Clark mentioned that it has been covered at assemblies with children
- Mrs McNulty mentioned that they have had the children present on these subjects
- Discussed the resources via the NHS

Actions for school:

- Can we add what support there is – articles of specific SWAY letters
- Consider how could we celebrate Neurodiversity
- Confirm books and resources are available to support this
- Confirm is there something we could give a hub of information e.g. pathways for the other agencies / links for information

Google Classroom

- Some issues logging in for homes with siblings, means communications not always seen from school.

Action for school:

- o Miss Parker has a work around and will share with parents as soon as possible.
- o Parents asked to contact school if they require support in this.

Communication

- We agreed at the meeting that AH would set up a WhatsApp Group for comms and ask for volunteers within Parent Council.
- All members have confirmed if they would like to be part of this group and it has now been set up to help make communications quicker and easier.

Eco Group

- Donations of stationery – item to be discussed with Mrs Summers, Eco Group, Jordan and Ruth. Actions can be taken forward following discussion.

AOB

January next meeting 12th at the new time of 6.30pm – 7.30pm