

In Attendance

Andrea Fergusson (HT)

Marion Smith (chair)

Joanna McGahon (DHT)

Lesley McLaughlin

Jaq McCreddie

Caitlin Tumulty

Mhari McGill

Councillor David Richardson

Apologies

Counsellor McKay

Alice Rose Burton

Sarah McGurn

Katrina Livingstone

Lorraine Howat

Councillor Elaine Cowan

1. Infant playground – safety issues regarding uneven ground

Counsellor McKay – Health and safety concern lodged with the council – Counsellor not able to come along tonight but PC have asked for an update regarding infant playground area. HT said no communication brought forward from the school.

2. PC dates upcoming. – next meeting Virtual 22nd Oct.

3. PC open up voting for positions within the council

Chair, Treasurer, secretary - No nominations to date. MS happy to continue this year as PC chair.

4. Fundraisers

Halloween disco – 24th October p1-3 – 6pm – 7pm, p4-7 7:15pm – 8:30

Xmas fayre – Friday - 29th November 2024 (PC contributing to class crafts)

Spring Disco – Thursday 13th March p1-3 – 6pm – 7pm, p4-7 7:15pm – 8:30

Summer fun day – 25th June 2025

Summer fete day to be considered

Possible race night to be organised.

Possible venue – NWKLEUS BYOB and nibbles

Provisional date Friday 7th Feb

Raffles – PC – House hamper prize for June

October – Halloween hamper

December – Christmas hamper

March – Easter hamper

Caitlin – links to STEM resources and possible school visit.

Tesco vouchers – finishes at the end of September.

ASDA rewards – cashpot up to November – Parents to use ASDA rewards app and school will receive cash back.

Keep an eye on Dunelm etc for raffle prizes.

PC to help with teas, coffees, and biscuits at shows etc.

Pupil progress meetings – PC to come along and try to drum up some new members.

20th/21st pupil progress meetings – 25th/26th March Pupil progress meetings.

HT REPORT

New School Year

Our children have been settling in well to their new classes and have been focusing on building relationships with their new class teacher.

We are completing our Meet the Teacher Sessions where all were given the opportunity to see the class and become aware of particular items for each class.

Meet the Teacher excellent opportunity to meet Miss Carr our probationer teacher who will be supported by Mrs McCreadie with oversight from Mrs McGahon.

Mrs Terras has returned from maternity leave and is completing NCCT across the school.

Ms Morrison and Mrs Templeton successfully interviewed for an increase to hours (from Mrs Rodger).

Mrs Crawford now Depute Head at St Andrew's - we have just had a 0.6FTE post close. This is currently being filled by Miss Maitland who is now Mrs MacDonald. Mrs McIntyre has also returned this term.

Primary 1

Settling in very well with Mrs Duff and enjoying the support from their buddies. Thank you to Lesley for the balloon arch and Parent Council for the balloon arch – just helps to make the day more special.

Primary 7

Are already beginning their transition process with St Joseph's with Laura Cathie for a tour of the school - parents have also been invited to St Joseph's for an initial Meet and Greet. Details for all visits are on the September newsletter.

Barcaple has had a healthy sign up this year with deposits now been paid. More information to go to the relevant parent/carers regarding payment for this.

Pupil Council and Community Groups

We have been discussing the groups for this with children having the sign up options this week.

Assembly Format

Stage assemblies again this year. P1-3 on a Wednesday and P4-7 on a Tuesday morning. Assemblies focusing on faith. PC O'Donnell came for a visit as our new campus officer. New active school coordinator – Faye Meikle – run similar programmes. Joanna asked about swimming for our P5 but there may be an issue around funding for this.

Counsellor Richarson to ask the question if the funding is available for this.

School attended our first mass last week. Sister Juliet celebrated her vows on Friday 20th September. School to go along and sing some songs from Matilda.

Assemblies – New certificates which link to our school values – Kindness, faith, responsibility etc.

School Improvement Plan

We have sought parental support with the creation of School Improvement via surveys. You will have seen our Family Friendly Document on the website and app.

Refer to priorities on this.

Our document was sent for approval to the authority at the end of June. Very positive feedback from the scrutiny of this.

Nurture Programme

Mrs Dunsmore will be leading nurture this year again. Mrs Dunsmore is currently observing the children in the classes. In our upper school, the sessions available looked at anxieties, change and loss etc. Infant school worked on a more traditional model.

Children and staff can access referral forms for Mrs Dunsmore to chat with certain children and she has also began a talk to me Tuesday and Wellbeing Wednesday for any children that want to speak to her during these lunchtimes.

Instead of wellbeing webs, the school is moving towards using a new tool which will enable the school to gather data and support the children more.

Possible stall for nurture at our pupil progress meetings for parents to access information.

Information on dates for school show etc to go out to parents in the coming weeks

P7 – leavers hoodies-PC to support with payment for this.

Saint Vincent De Paul – to support payment of the leavers goodie bags.

School taxis – for ASN needs.

Review of individual taxi needs per child. ASN transport to be looked at.