

Mount Carmel Primary School



Parent Council

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Tuesday 14th January 2025 @ 7pm (held virtually)

1. Welcome
 - a. Previous Minutes actions
Outstanding action is the entrance to infant playground – EAC were to get quotes – approx. 3-4 mths ago. No contact made with school to date – MS will email Councillor Richardson/Cowan to raise again & see if update can be provided.
 - b. Apologies – D Richardson, T Livingstone, C Tumulty
 - c. Attendees – Lorraine Howat, Alice Rose Burton, Andrea Ferguson, Jacqui McCreadie, Elaine Cowan, Mairi McGill, Sarah McGurn, Lesley McLaughlin, Marion Smith.

PC express their condolences for the death of Councillor McKay, Councillor McKay was extremely supportive of the school for many years & very grateful for the guidance and advocacy she provided. Condolences to family, friends and colleagues.

2. HT School Report
 - a. Staffing updates
Mrs McGahon picked up acting HT post at St Sophias; Mrs McCreadie in acting DHT post until advertised. EAC provide some clarity on length of time for Acting DHT post.

Miss Carr – probationer has left – was fully funded position which supported with DHT being no class committed.

Depute entitlement 0.8 FTE – 2 days in class, 3 days - NCCT, assemblies, Depute duties.

Mrs Strachan returned from mat leave – NCCT; P1 support & P2 cover; Mrs Travers returned and reduced to 0.8fte.

Mrs McDonald left in Dec – Interim Miss Grimley P4. 0.6FTE advertised end of Jan.

P5 Class teacher on temp position in P5.

Acting Depute position to be advertised.

0.6FTE may be resourced from within authority.

b. School Activity Update

All activities went well before Christmas: Panto, Christmas Fayre, Nativity, Christmas parties. Thanks for support through all of those activities.

P1 enrolment taking place this week. Transitions will begin soon after for ECC's – welcome Wednesdays, enhanced transitions etc.

P7 transitions events continue to St Joseph's. Considerations to take place for those requiring enhanced transitions.

Share the Learnings to take place for term 3/4. Class Curricular updates due on the blog this Friday.

P7 activity

- Barcable residential early Feb.
- Those not attending will be in other classes with schedule of work to be completed.
- School hoodies will be available at end of Jan.

NEST promotion; Neurodiversity discussions and how to support– coffee/chat events being arranged - Tuesday 21st Jan 2-3. Information will be put on blog.

Participatory Fund – Parent Council can apply for this. Deadline passed but will come up again.

QA activity commences next week HT/DHT in classes. Children's experiences recorded. Jotter work reviewed for monitoring activity.

c. Attainment Information

Focus sessions with authority to support on data analysis. Will be a further session in March. Tracking period 2 stats will be achieved by then.

May not be able to continue with raising attainment groups due to staffing – focus on class teachers, pupil support assistants on how can support in class.

Child Plan's being updated – Parent meetings to take place end of Jan.

3. Parents & Friends of MC Update

a. Finances

Currently £4666.85 in bank account; £1125 of this Tesco grant for garden work

P7 Hoodies still to be paid for – approx. £280.

- b. Grants – 75% received from Tesco grant – project to be completed by 1/11/25; progress updates may be requested therefore track progress as work through. Ensure all invoices are kept for any audit requirements. Awaiting Asda Rewards, My Child's Art notification as to amount raised.
- c. Activities – March disco to be planned – 16th March previously agreed, Easter raffle will also take place through March before Easter break.
Parents can't commit to a race night/quiz night at this point – was previously scoping out for Feb however will look to see what can be supported later in year.
Review of P7 last day in school – piper/guard of honour type activity proposed for consideration. Andrea will review with P7's to see what they may want. Lorraine will review cost of Piper.

4. AOB

Nativity sway - Jacqui reviewing the SWAY access for parents - ACTION

Road Safety around the school – Concern raised by a carer picking up from school – suggested a Pedestrian crossing on Kirkton Road. Consensus that traffic is getting more congested particularly around Onthank school area – Amlaird Rd/Meiklewood Rd. Secondary school bus also drops off at roadside and not at bus stop area on Amlaird rd. Councillor Cowan may request a safety officer to review area at key time of the day.

Next Meeting : 25/2/25 7pm in school.