

## **Minutes of St. Andrew's Primary School & ECC Parent Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

### **Head Teacher Report (School)**

Staffing Update (this session) - AM advised that Mrs Gibb PT P6B is on long term absence. Her post/PT duties will be backfilled. Mrs Templeman will be in P6B.

### **Session 2022/2023**

Mrs Hastings is expecting a baby; mat leave commences 16/6/22 and will return towards end of next session.

Estimated roll sent to HR (Spreadsheet) and staffing agreed from there. February break submitted – expect to hear by 18.3.22.

P7 Residential Trip (end of term) – AM advised there won't be a trip this year. Decision made earlier in year/cost of Lockerbie.

A week of Activities/Experiences is being organised by Class Teachers. Sourcing what's available and in consultation with pupils. Trips to be discussed at staff meeting. Budget to be looked at.

Unsure of Lockerbie for 2023 yet.

**P1 Intake** – 39. Estimated roll: 344. AM phoning new parents to welcome them. Transition will go ahead.

### **Removal of Restrictions**

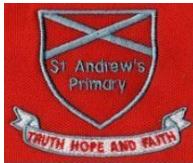
Meeting with Mr Kane re: shared resource/space. Look at and establish a better routine in 'street' area at lunchtime. Phased return of pupils. All pupils back in 'street' by June.

Caveat – if class deemed to have a COVID outbreak, they would eat in the class.

### **Fund raising**

School - £5,718    ECC £2,530; already spent £257.52 permission given

Organising meetings for ECC/School Funds. Email out to committee members by Mrs Dickson.



### **ECC- (RM)**

Applications opened on Monday 28 February for new starts in August 2022.

Currently have 38 returners which allow for 26 new applications.

3 more children will be attending the Centre from now until the end of March.

**Staffing** - Ongoing staff shortages which we have been able to cover with temporary staff. This has now levelled out with only 1 long term. We now have 3 more staff working towards BA in Childhood Practice. This would mean that 6 out of the 8 Practitioners will be degree qualified. A real achievement for the Centre.

**Planning** - We continue to post our planning intentions on the APP to show parents/carers what the children are learning about.

Throughout January and February there has been an additional focus to promote literacy and numeracy through play. As well as focused experiences for the children, staff have been designing a literacy and numeracy rich visual environment.

Our focus moving into March and April will be new life and new beginnings, staff will use planting and life on the farm to promote this.

### **Chrome Books**

We have recently received a delivery of Chrome Books. Once staff are up to speed on how to use them, it is envisaged we will use these to:-

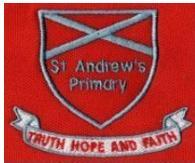
Enhance communication between home & Centre, track children's learning and development, collate more "video" evidence to observe learning and share with families, deliver online learning Journals.

### **Fundraising**

We are currently putting together an Easter fundraiser. Up for grabs will be a Big Bunny and Chocolate Eggs. All children will be entered into the draw and donations towards our end of term celebrations would be asked for.

### **Playrooms**

Staff are currently working on both closed rooms within the Centre. One is being developed into a 'Drama Studio' to promote communication and language and the other into a quiet/sensory room to support social and emotional development.



### **Structure**

We have purchased a forest peep hole den for our outdoor area from the previous fundraising. Due to regulations the building of this must be done by a Mitie approved tradesperson. Additional monies (£297.00) will be used from the fundraising money to facilitate this.

### **Car Park**

It has been noted that there has been an increase in the volume of traffic since the start and finish times are no longer staggered. The concern of safety within the car park was raised again. It was also suggested that we could maybe stagger the start and finish time again as this appeared to help with the congestion of traffic within the campus.

Action

:- Mrs Murray was to contact PC Dempster to discuss. Possible consultation of staggering start and times.

### **End of Term Trips**

This will hopefully be able to be possible and the end of term. P7's will have a fun week arranged that will be discussed with the classes and the teachers,

### **Lunches**

Lunches will hopefully transition back to the Street soon but some negotiation is required with St Joseph's

### **Homework**

It was highlighted that there has been a fluctuation of homework given. The PC suggested that maybe the homework could have more continuity.

Action :- Mrs Murray will review this.

