

**St. Mark's Primary School
Parent Partnership Meeting
Action Note
Thursday 18th February 2021
7pm
Zoom Call**



Present: Anthony Hutcheson (HT), Julie Neil (DHT), Annamarie Johnstone, Frankie Robertson, Louise Kennedy, Cara Louise Geddes, Eileen Horsley, Kari Pearce, Liz New, Fr Joe Balmer, Fr Jonathan Whitworth

Apologies: Paul Gibson, Debra Gill, Lee-Ann , Annie Cunningham, Karen Balloch, Carly McGurn

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Person Responsible
Matters Arising	Further reminders to be sent out for easy fund raising scheme.	
Standing items	<p>Chairs Update Chairs meeting- focus on recovery for schools return (pre announcement) Draft local improvement plan shared –feedback by end of march Upcoming sessions from Connect</p> <p>Office bearers updates Treasures update: Account £2041 in bank.(£950 from funding bid) Voluntary contribution scheme - £400?? £500 transferred to school.</p> <p>Secretary update: Attended chairs meeting on 25th November 2020 – Covid-19 rates across education updated that levels were low. A new mental and emotional wellbeing support service has been launched called Healthier Minds for children and young people aged 10-18 years.</p> <p>Vice chair update: Nothing to report</p> <p>Head Teachers Report Thanks to Fr. Joe and Fr. Jonathan for making Christmas special in difficult circumstances.</p>	

	<p>Thanks for donations of vouchers and Hampers, and for the Jessie Tree appeal for making such a difference for so many families.</p> <p>School – Remote learning and hub provision now into 6th week. Having pupils come straight into their own school rather than hub has been great.</p> <p>There has been a great effort by staff to ensure hub and remote learning are running well, lots of positives. So many children have displayed so much resilience and compassion in these difficult circumstances.</p> <p>School represented St. Luke’s cluster for remote learning.</p> <p>Google form survey for P4-7 – some interesting findings. When asked “have you enjoyed learning from home?” 25% replied Yes and 57% sometimes. Some further questions were asked to provide reasons for this 58% responded saying they had just enough work and 39% said too much work.</p> <p>Feedback really has been really valuable. The thing most missed by all pupils are their teachers and friends.</p> <p>Focus groups for P1-3</p> <p>Claire Haveron has joined the teaching staff</p> <p>Mrs Nelson has left to go to Carlibar CC.</p> <p>Preparation is in place for the return of P1-3.</p> <p>We are all hoping that the rest of our pupils will return on 15th March.</p> <p>March parent’s night – it was agreed that it would be more valuable to have parent’s night in last term to gain better perspective of how children are doing.</p> <p>Outdoor play equipment: loose parts play materials purchased.</p> <p>60th Anniversary Celebrations:</p> <p>Do we have ideas to be considered? Lots of ideas from school.</p> <p>Mrs McIntyre – logo design competition</p> <p>Plan for large school Mass for celebration, school to book Bishop</p> <p>Fund raising – Helen Low’s sister donated money to school £11,000. Money may be spent for experiences for children, things that get children out and about. Outdoor equipment and clothing.</p> <p>National trust – 50 things to do before your 12. Nice to do a similar pledge for children in this 60th year, use funding for this.</p> <p>Staff curriculum development project – bring curriculum alive. What’s next for the children? We want to ensure feedback from PP.</p>	
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	<p>60th Anniversary – ask class group chats</p> <p>Church Report Fr Joe – thank you to Mr Hutcheson and Mrs Johnston for the welcome for myself and Fr. Jonathan. Celebration of mass and confessions. Sacraments: tbc - 17th March First Confessions, possibly in the church all dependant on restrictions. 1st Holy Communion to hopefully go ahead 15th May Confirmations to take place in the parish as not possible to hold in Cathedral.</p> <p>Fr. Jonathan – thank you, we have been warmly received and hopes we are back to normal soon.</p> <p>Liz New – no further update.</p> <p>Cluster club – P6 residential</p>	
AOB	<p>P7 Leavers – Hoodies school will speak to Audrey's. P7 activity week rather than residential. Possibly a day at Loch Lomond for water sports. See what happens in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Cluster Club – An evening to raise funds for next year's P7. Other chairs have asked what the thoughts are for cluster club fund raising? Particularly P6 parents. Yes we should start to plan – St. Mark's turn to host.</p> <p>Last year's funding - Annamarie to ask Rosemarie.</p> <p>LK – Teaching & learning feedback from the group P1a – French YouTube videos not appropriate. Thanks from all parents. P1 go back on Monday – concerns of parents congregating.</p>	
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