

**St. Mark's Primary School
Parent Partnership Meeting
Action Notes
Thursday 4th November 2021
7pm
Zoom Call**



Present: Anthony Hutcheson (HT), Julie Neil (DHT), Annamarie Johnston, Louise Kennedy, Kari Pearce, Jennifer Williams, Eileen Horsley, Paul Gibson

Apologies: Frankie Robertson, Annie Cunningham, Carly McGurk, Asma Anwar

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Person Responsible
Chairs Update	<p>P7 fundraiser walk for Lockerbie completed, awaiting final total, however early indications suggest this is a more successful way of raising funds for the P7 residential trip than the traditional cluster event and may be the way forward. Watch this space.</p> <p>Thanks to Eileen for sorting out Christmas Cards, hopefully will make a nice amount of money.</p> <p>Thanks to Louise and Eileen for sorting out the goodies for the Halloween class parties.</p> <p>Thanks to Paul for arranging the tickets for the family, these should be on sale soon</p> <p>Anna Marie explained the rationale behind decreasing the amount of PP meetings. The constitution stipulates we meet at least once each term, which is the pattern most other schools adhere to. This will also allow time for fundraising meetings.</p> <p>Anna Marie attended an ERC consultation on 03.11.21 re the education reform being led by Ken Muir. Slideshow will be shared with PP.</p>	AJ
Treasurers Report	<p>Eileen – Figures are £1728.90 total, £934.92 Cluster, £530 100club, leaving £263.98 as St Mark's fund. PP paid for treats for class Halloween parties.</p>	
Secretary Report	<p>Paul - Nothing of note, WhatsApp class groups are getting good feedback, thanks to all class reps.</p> <p>Posters for school ruled out for family night, will email school for newsletter, will email Church for inclusion in the parish bulletin.</p> <p>May and AGM minutes not on website but will be emailed along with 2021 report.</p>	PG AJ
Fundraising Secretary Report	<p>Kari – Thanks to Eileen for Christmas card efforts, would be good if this could be an in-school activity in 2022.</p> <p>Family Christmas Fundraising Night is on 03/12/2021.</p> <p>Virtual Christmas Fair ruled out due to time constraints.</p>	

<p>Head Teachers Report</p>	<p>Thanks to all who participated in the fundraising efforts (Christmas Cards) and the class party contributions. Today the 9th Eco Flag was hoisted during outdoor play, serenaded by the choir and backed by pupils. Halloween class parties seem to have went down well and a balance was achieved between structure and fun day. Thanks to parents who participated in the focus group which was a follow on from the 2018 HMI Inspection. This was an elongated process due to Covid 19 disruption. This led to many of the previous recommendations being already implemented and/or forming a part of the current School Improvement Plan. The visitors were positive about progress in the school and praised staff and pupils. The pupils were brilliant throughout, particularly in the classroom visits. The observations of the visitors were in line with school self evaluation. An A4 leaflet will be published regarding the inspection follow up.</p> <p>The school applied for funding via Education Scotland and the Creative Learning Network. The brief was that applicants had to partner an organisation outside of the school – Local Authority or Third Sector. In line with this, and focussing on the school’s 60th Anniversary year, we partnered with the Heritage and Arts Officer from ERC Culture and Leisure and local visual arts groups and were successful to the figure of £5,100 – which was the full amount claimed for (budget was circa £160,000 split between 32 LA’s in Scotland). This will allow the school to hold Heritage and Art workshops for every class and an exhibition event at the end of 12 months. These workshops will begin in educational term 2, Mid-November.</p> <p>Regarding Christmas events – such as the nativity and carol concert – the school are in dialogue with the LA in relation to permitting visitors to these events. There is no change to the current national guidance indicated but will keep all pupils and families updated as we get closer to the festive season. Very keen to be responsible and not add to the already stretched NHS.</p> <p>In reference to Chairs description of the consultation event on education reform – the school is participating in a dual role of a LA School and a Catholic school at the request of Scottish Catholic Education Society (by way of a questionnaire).</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Eileen – Photographer – can we change, a few parents unhappy with the standard of photography – Mr Hutcheson – will speak with Margaret in the office regarding commission to gauge level of sales – Eileen – Arthurlie FC use Horizon Paul – Girls toilets have broken locks, P5a entrance – Mr Hutcheson – will investigate Paul – Is there any update on new car park – Mr Hutcheson – No further information</p>	<p>AH AH</p>
<p>DONM</p>	<p>Annamarie - 03/03/2022 – 7pm – Full PP meeting. Any other issues raise accordingly with PP and we will pass these on. Fundraising Committee meetings – two expected to take place between now and date above, possibly even some PP events.</p>	