



**St. Mark's Primary School
Parent Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 8th MARCH 2023
St. Marks High School**

Present: Anthony Hutcheson (HT), Annamarie Johnston, Louise Kennedy, Eileen Horsley, Jennifer Williams, Liz New

Apologies: Caroline Mills, Keighley Fulton, Paul Townsend

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
Matters Arising	None
Standing Items	<p>Election of Office Bearers Vice Chair: Kari Pearce Secretary: Keighley Fulton Minutes Secretary: Caroline Mills</p> <p>Chairs Update Family night was a great success with a great time had by all. Positive feedback from all families who attended. Treasurer will update on any profit from these at a later date.</p> <p>Head Teacher's Update Mr Hutcheson invited views on how best to consult families on annual school improvement priorities and Pupil Equity Fund plans. He explained that the annual parental online questionnaire and in person focus groups have been the approach in previous years, alongside pupil and staff evaluation groups. Parents in attendance felt that this was the most realistic approach and that there weren't any other methods that they could think of that would be more effective.</p> <p>Mr Hutcheson was pleased to report St Marks have been awarded an ECO SchoolsGreen Flag for the 10th year in a row. "St. Mark's has created captivating opportunities for learners across the school by developing elements of sustainable learning, working collaboratively to produce exciting and engaging lessons and providing opportunities to share learning as a whole school community. Pupils have</p>

	<p>developed their self-esteem and are learning to be responsible citizens, helping to take care of the environment and the local community. They have worked collaboratively on Eco projects across different subjects, allowing the whole school community to play a part in being a ‘Green Flag school’</p> <p>He commented on the success of afterschool clubs. To date, the school have offered coding club (twice), chess, tennis, badminton, football, athletics, cross country, drama and dance. Gardening club and another dance club are planned for final term. Lunchtime clubs have included STEM club and choir. There have been two cohorts of children attending Homework club. It has reached 70 pupils to date and has received excellent feedback. Mr Hutcheson extended his thanks to the many teaching staff and pupil support assistants who go above and beyond to plan and deliver these opportunities for the children.</p> <p>The school had a visit from author Theresa Breslin on World Book Day who was so impressed with the children of St Marks.</p> <p>Staffing Update – Mrs Byrne has gone on Maternity Leave and been replaced by Mrs Shaw.</p> <p>Church Report Nothing to include</p>
AOB	<p>Jennifer Williams requested £65 from the Parent Partnership to pay for the hire of costumes for the school dance team who are taking part in an East Renfrewshire competition. Good luck St Marks!</p> <p>Mr Hutcheson mentioned the school football team kit could do with being renewed. He will look into prices and get back to us.</p> <p>Some discussion took place regarding hosting a coffee morning in St Johns Church Hall after 10am Mass. Anna Marie and Jennifer will approach Fr Joe and ask if Easter Sunday is available.</p>
Date of next meeting	3rd May 2023 at 7pm, St. Luke’s High School

