



St Mark's Primary Parent Partnership
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St Mark's Parent Partnership Meeting Minutes

Thursday 6th February 2025 (rescheduled, previous meeting cancelled due to weather)

6pm – 7.30pm

Location: St Luke's High School

Agenda Item	Minutes	
Welcome and attendees	Mr Hutcheson, Marie Sweeney, Louise Kennedy, Kari Pearce, Jennifer William, Caroline McInnes and Kirsty Cameron	
Apologies	Mrs Neil, Keighley Fulton and Jennifer Baillie	
Treasurer's Update	Account total currently: £2202.66 This sum includes £223 from the sale of Christmas cards. £500 of PE equipment was recently purchased and is still to be deducted from account total. Sum of £529.98 due from Asda Rewards.	LK
School Funding Updates	MUGA LandTrust Bid – Successful bid for partial funds towards the new sand based 3G surface for the MUGA. Funds from Jean Lara available to contribute to the total sum due. Question whether Parent Partnership can support to cover the	AH

	<p>shortfall. Agreement from the group that the surface was badly needed and would benefit all children. Group to consider sum available and revert to AH at the next meeting.</p> <p>Urban Forestry Challenge Bid –</p> <p>St Mark's sits in a low tree equity zone. Project to increase tree canopy and increase access to nature. Bid has been submitted, successful at phase 1 and phase 2 deadline is next Friday. Proposal includes redevelopment of back playground, to include a programme which involves contribution from the children on design, and also parent and community involvement. Hopeful for a positive outcome.</p>	
Tesco Ground Work – Changing Places/Changing Lives	<p>Funding deadline was the end of January; however, we should still apply for health and wellbeing funding now to be considered for the next period. We can then communicate with parents and encourage votes to be cast using the blue tokens at Tesco Barrhead. Funding could cover additional playground equipment.</p>	AH
Rights Respecting Schools Gold accreditation process	<p>Journey to gold well underway. Working towards a visit/audit from UNICEF in September. At that time, they will meet with teachers, groups of children and parent group. Suggestion to meet with parent volunteers pre summer holiday to communicate the process and assist with preparation for the September meeting. AH will add to next newsletter. Aim for 6 or 7 volunteers who will commit to meeting pre summer holiday and being available in September for the UNICEF meeting. PP to promote in class chats.</p>	AH
Religious Observance/ Religious and Moral Education Consultation	<p>Response to consultation made on behalf of the school. Deadline now passed. Initially planned to discuss pre-submission, however previous meeting was cancelled due to weather.</p>	AH

Spring Disco	Discussion on suitable day to fit around school calendar. Proposed for 27 th March 2025. JW to contact DJ.	All
Ladies Day / Lockerbie	<p>Decision not to proceed with Ladies Day this year. No time to arrange in advance of the Lockerbie trip - this had been the purpose behind the inclusion of the additional event for this year. To be considered for inclusion next year.</p> <p>General discussion on the rising cost of the Lockerbie trip, owing to increase from the venue year on year and the increase in cost of the buses. Lockerbie has been booked provisionally for 2026. AH and cluster continue to consider alternative options.</p> <p>P7 have raised additional funds for Lockerbie through sale of football cards.</p> <p>Suggestion from JW that proceeds from summer fair are utilised for the following year's Lockerbie trip, with P6 being involved and running their enterprise stalls to raise funds for their own P7 trip. Group supportive of trialling this year, with a view to it thereafter being a yearly event, if successful. Question on whether best to run on a Friday after school or Saturday. Trialling Friday after school, based on the success of the Christmas fair. Date of 30th May 2025 agreed.</p>	All
Communion	<p>Communion 17th May 2025. St Mark's only on this date, as building work had been expected in the church. MS to contact photographer.</p> <p>Proposal to discuss with Father John the option to hold a party/breakfast in the church hall after 10am mass the following day. Similar events were previously held on the day of the communion; however, this tradition seems to have fallen away. JW to contact Father John.</p> <p>Arrangements, including church decorations, to be discussed further at</p>	All

	next meeting.	
P7 Leavers' Disco	<p>Date on 23rd June 2025 proposed. Discussion on a theme, beach theme in previous years. Agreement to discuss further at next meeting. Any theme to not be cost prohibitive and be inclusive of school values.</p> <p>Question raised by JW on behalf of parents, query why leaver's assembly no longer happens. Feedback is that this is missed. AH advised that school are looking at options to reintroduce. Main issue is that the school hall cannot accommodate the whole school plus the P7 parents, but there are other options being explored.</p>	All
Dance Costumes	Ponchos have been funded by PP and purchased. Other costumes have been borrowed.	JW
Summer Fair and School Fun Day	<p>Summer fair covered at earlier point in meeting, above.</p> <p>Proposed date for school fun day 24th June 2025. This will be inflatables, same as last year, and ice cream van. Arrangements to be discussed at later meeting.</p>	All
Coffee Mornings	Proposal to hold another coffee morning in church hall after Easter Sunday mass. CM to speak to church staff.	All
AOB	<p>JW confirming two Perspex signs were purchased second hand. LK holding these. One to be kept for PP events and the other to be gifted to the school for events.</p> <p>MS made aware of some inappropriate comments made in PP WhatsApp class chat. Decision to put together some wording to remind those in PP chats of the purpose of the chats, to be pinned or posted in description.</p> <p>AH feedback on Christmas fair and some suggestions for next year;</p>	All

	<p>including use of two entrances, using other parts of the school, a café in a room to the left when entering via main entrance, space for a buggy park and cloakroom. Group agreeing all great suggestions and will incorporate when planning for end of year.</p> <p>LK suggesting prayer partner programme; spiritual support from older members of the church community for those making their sacraments this year. AH will pass to Mrs Neil to take forward.</p> <p>LK asking if there is space in school for storage of PP items. AH to consider, in the meantime we will continue to use storage room provided by the church.</p> <p>JW noting Mr McDonnell is retiring as janitor in June after 12 years at St Mark's and 23 in the authority. JW will reach out to the wider group to send message to group chats and offer to collect donations of money and/or drawings, cards etc.</p>	
Date of next meeting	Thursday 20 th March 2025, St Mark's Primary	