

Crossgates Family Forum Meeting

Monday 23rd February 2026

6:30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Notes of last meeting (12.01.26)
3. School and staffing
4. Fundraising Update
 - Easter Events – Bunny Drive (01.04.26) & Easter Egg Raffle
 - Summer Events – Colour Run (22.05.26)
5. Accounts Overview
6. Playground Update
7. AOB
 - Flooding in front of girl's toilets
 - Parents to Vote on Homework e.g. spellings, times tables & writing exercises
 - PVG changes to five-year verification

1. Present: Ali Green, Mandy Paterson, Lauren Gibson, Margaret Mitchell, Dawn Allison, Linzi Nelson, Emily Collier, Thos Davie, Karen Smith, Leonie Postna, Cheryl Waugh, Sorrel Davies

Online: Louise Black, Deborah Stoddart

Apologies: Jaqui Murray, Vicky Greig

2. MM Minutes from the last meeting 12.01.26 approved and moving forward to be uploaded to the website.

3. AG The staff are delighted to welcome back Miss O'Donnell to P6, thank you to Miss Gibson whose been covering some of these classes. Mrs Waddell is absent for the foreseeable future, so need to pick up her work in the Nursery this has been put into action. There is still no update on Miss Thomas returning to work. Mrs Murray and Mrs Hunter came in this week; they will be returning to work in the following order. Mrs Murray the week before Easter and Mrs Hunter the week after, she will however only be part time, so will share P2 with existing teacher.

MP We have sent tasks out this week about the second half of the aims and values. Parents received a task to be completed with their children on the new School Values. Staff and children haven been already consulted in School, so this gives the parents a voice. Would like to give FF a chance to view theirs also with a five-minute exercise.

AG Reported that only 20 people have responded to the recent parent wise survey this is just 8%, how can we increase the response.

SD Can we put on FF Facebook page (to action) LG will put again on Seesaw (to action)

4. MM We had some successful fundraising meetings and pleased to announce the following events Bunny Drive 1st April, Easter Egg Raffle, Colour Run 22nd May.

EG asked what is a bunny drive?

MM explained that it is similar to a beetle drive where you throw dice to denote which parts of the animal you collect to make full body.

CW announced the colour run has now been sponsored by main sponsor Morgans Solicitors, Stuart Greig, Crush cycles, Sound Wealth Planning & Waugh the Builder.

MM Said the tea towel was sent to printers on Friday so will call to find out lead time. Will be priced at £5 each (actual price £2) so fair profit.

Halloween disco has been booked as silent disco on the 30th October.

5. DA current bank balance £38438.11 includes money for colour run sponsorship and easy fundraising. The easter eggs have already been bought.

6. MM playground update is still in consultation, however if we require the better floor material, we are currently 23k short due the 2% fee to be additionally paid to Fife council for administrative duties.

DA asked did you want to allocate more of the bank balance to the Playground? Last year we put in the profit from the Christmas Café. (FF Voted to move money for this year's Christmas café @£1200.00).

MM suggested perhaps an emergency meeting nearer the time to sort remaining balance.

7. LN flooding outside girls' toilets can anything be done.

AG unfortunately this has been attended to before and it's a question to clear the flood is to lift drain cover, which can be done by our janitor. So, council won't attend again.

CW Homework possible?

AG Agreed not had a consultation recently, so do something to gauge the consensus. The reason there is no consistency across all school as there is not enough evidence that homework makes a difference to the learning. If this is the position other duties will have to give to allow time to implement.

SD PVG scheme changes in verification timeframe, to highlight to and clarify to the room. After consultation with TD he has clarified that this shouldn't impact us directly.

LG asked if FF could buy milk & cookies for World book Day on the 6th March (FF voted in agreement)

Next Meeting 27th April