

GREYFRIARS

MINUTES

Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 3 November 2022 at 7pm

Present: Nora, Mrs Crompton, Mrs Rochow, Di, Louise, Linsey, Lisa, Andy, Fr Michael-John, Jen, George, Guilia, Karen.

Apologies: Louisa, Ashley, Drago, Abbie, Nicola, Arianna, Anya, Colin, Lenia.

1. Minutes of the last PC meeting (21 September 2022)

Approved.

2. Headteacher's report

(i) HMI visit. Lead inspector + team of 4 are doing a short and focused model of inspection (Mon. lunchtime to Wed. lunchtime). The children will shine as the stars that they are. Our children are very articulate, and they will tell them all about our school.

(ii) P7 'bikeability': re-starting. P7 will do 3 sessions; then P6, then P5 (for level 1); then back to P7 for level 2 (4 sessions) and P6 (4 sessions). Bikeability are providing the trainers; 2 staff representatives; if any parents would like to be trained for this (esp. level 2), please let Mrs Crompton know.

(iii) New gate is now open. There was notification in the newsletter. Not sure about uptake and usage.

(iv) P1-2, and our P2-3, and our P3-4: these will have a 'shared start', so that mums, dads, grandparents, can come and do some shared activities (probably week starting 14 Nov. or the following).

(v) P1-3 will be doing a nativity.

(vi) 6 Dec. trip to the Byre (£10 per child). Parent Council will pay 50%, so it is £5 per child.

(vii) 14 Dec. 1.30: Nativity and Carol Service

(viii) 15 Dec. Christmas mass (10am) and Christmas fayre (6-8pm). Parents and parishioners welcome. Tea, coffee, and mince pie, biscuits. PC will also do a raffle for Christmas fayre (money goes to the school).

(ix) 19-21 Dec. Christmas parties. Party bags for the children (PC).

(x) Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers.

3. Treasurer's report.

Louise. Still around £4,500 in the bank.

4. Social Secretary Report

(i) Halloween. Mrs Crompton wanted to record the school's thanks Jen for amazing party bags, with wrist bands, juices, crisps, and skittles (total cost £180; there are some party bags left over, which can be used subsequently)

(ii) Discussion of Christmas dates and events.

(iii) Christmas raffle. The PC donates up to £300 to Christmas raffle to help with big prize/prizes (Linsey will give list of businesses). Parents are also asked to donate at beginning of December.

(iv) Sunday Mass. Can some parents help with Teas and Coffees after mass at 11?

(v) Cèilidh for students, parishioners, and parents.

(vi) Directory for parents with businesses to distribute through the school. (i) Pantomime Programme for next year, perhaps invite business to advertise in the programme through donation to school; (ii) Lisa had a suggestion of a facebook page as well for businesses.

5. Church report (Fr Michael John).

- (i) Sacraments. There will be a parents' evening for the three classes making the sacraments.
- (ii) Confirmation date is Sunday mass (11am), 4 June, and the Bishop is coming for this.
- (iii) Children's liturgy starting again at the beginning of Advent.
- (iv) 'Advent craft' events, advertised to parents.
- (v) St Margaret of Scotland Annual Lecture, 16 November, 6pm, Randy Boyagoda (all welcome)
- (vi) Christmas Mass: 15 December at 10am
- (vii) Cèilidh in late Jan./early Feb. 7.30 (or perhaps start earlier at, say, 6, so that more families with young children can come). Ticket price included a buffet (and perhaps a bottle of wine on each table). Usually finish by 11pm.

6. Class rep feedback.

There was no class feedback.

7. A.O.B.

- (i) HMI visit support. Are there any ways that parents can support for the HMI visit? Mrs Crompton mentioned that all parents have been invited to take part in a survey and/or to come for a meeting.
- (ii) School photos. How long do we have to wait to view the photos? The current photographer is really good, but there is quite a delay in waiting to view the photos. Mrs Crompton to follow up on dates.
- (iii) Lunch times. Are boys and girls segregated at lunch? No (with lots of giggles).
- (iv) Mrs Humphries. The PC to order some flowers or a gift for her.
- (v) Mrs Rochow. There is an area of grass that the council won't cut. Di can get Russell to do it... Michael Robertson was also recommended.

8. Date of the next meeting.

Wed. 8th February, 2023, 7pm.