Largoward Parent Council Meeting

# Parent Council Meeting

**Date**: Wednesday 17 April 2024

**Time**: 18:00

**Location**: School

# In Attendance

Chris (Chairman), Donna Bain (Headteacher), Stuart (Secretary), Adam, Maisie & Harris (Pupil Council)

Apologies – Rebecca (Treasurer), Leanne, Adam, Jen, Jodie

**Chairman’s Report**

Chris highlighted the effort and excellent success of the Christmas Fayre – well attended and great funds raised.

Also noted the Christmas concert, appreciate all the effort that went in to planning and running – it was a great event.

Final comment to highlight that all the children seem very happy in the school after the holidays with a positive atmosphere.

**Secretary’s Report**

Notes have been shared.

Actions have been added to the agenda and/or covered in upcoming notes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Cheques issued for garden shed and other misc. items

# Pupil council

# The 5-strong pupil council gave us an update of things that they have been working for and discussed some ideas for how they could help improve the school. This was really great to see all the work they have been doing, the achievements made and the ideas they have come up with.

Highlights included haven achieved bronze they are now working to wards their silver award for young persons rights and have an action plan. They have engaged UNISEF on this as well.

They have been working with Lawhead, setup a suggestion box in class and display board in class. They are also engaging more with the community and written a letter to support the community council request regarding ideas for the village park.

They are also looking to create a calendar to show rights of the month and potentially advertise school events also discussed an ABCDE demo.

# Headteacher Report

Due to the short time since our last meeting and the two-week Easter holiday there are no significant updates to share since the last head teacher report. No significant progress to report on the diversity and equalities policy but we should have a draft to share at our next meeting.

**Inset Day 5 Plans – Thursday 9th May**

In the morning the staff will be working with colleagues from Lawhead to review the progress made with our school improvement plans this session. We will discuss the impact that our improvement work has had on the learners and discuss next steps and priorities for next session. In the afternoon staff will be returning to Largoward to take part in a session on outdoor cooking delivered by Tony Credland from Natural Connections.

**Shared Start – Friday 10th May – 9-10am**

Parents/carers are invited to join their child in school for a shared start. This session will have a literacy/writing focus. Feedback from parents during previous open afternoons is that parents were keen to see normal learning activities and not always themed activities for these sessions.

**Transition Plans**

Placing request notifications will be issued to new P1 parents by 30th April. After this date we will have a more accurate picture of P1 numbers for next session and will liaise with families to plan for their child’s transition into P1.

P7s had their first enhanced transition visit to Madras this week. They will have fortnightly visits followed by their 3 full days in June. The guidance staff are also planning a visit during the first weeks in May.

**Important Dates This Term**

* Monday 6th May – Holiday
* Thursday 9th May – Inset Day 5
* Friday 10th May – Shared Start – 9-10am – Parents invited in to join in learning with their child
* Monday 3rd June – Holiday
* Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th June – P7 at Madras for 3 days of transition
* Friday 14th June – Reports will be sent home
* Monday 17th June – Sports day
* Thursday 20th June – whole school trip to Lochore Meadows – **note this has all been paid for by the grant Mrs Bain secured**
* Monday 24th June – Sports day (contingency date)
* Thursday 27th June – PM Leavers Assembly – Parents invited
* Friday 28th June – last day of term/school year

# Other Items

# Leavers items

Action to share the website and ask for sizes/colours from the P7’s asap so these can be ordered. The other items for the children leaving are arranged by the school.

Chris to collect some books to make the photo-albums, Mrs Bain to look at getting the pictures printed.

# School Garden

A shed and lock has been purchased and ready to be put-up when possible. Other items to be bought are paint for the shed and ensure we have the list of requests from the children to action as before.

A further request for items to help make a bug hotel and other activities was made. This is to be shared in the newsletter and facebook pages.

A date was agreed of 6 May to do the work in the garden. This was subsequently not possible due to the weather so another date is due to be arranged.

# Pupil council

The pupil council are keen to attend the next parent council meeting –

ACTION Mrs Bain to arrange attendance with Parent council (date below)

# Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 4 June at 6.00 pm.

Next meeting to discuss sports day arrangements from parent council if required (refreshments etc).

ACTION Stuart to follow-up and confirm date/agenda.