Largoward Parent Council Meeting

# Parent Council Meeting

**Date**: Wednesday 4 June 2024

**Time**: 18:00

**Location**: School

# In Attendance

Chris (Chairman), Donna Bain (Headteacher), Stuart (Secretary), Adam

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

**Chairman’s Report**

Key updates are related to the garden and leavers items later.

**Secretary’s Report**

Notes have been shared.

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

Key item discussed here was the need to get a new account setup due to the challenges with managing the names on existing account. We need to understand the company id or equivalent to set this up. Once done we can transfer and close the existing account.

# Headteacher Report

**Sports Day – Monday 17th June (contingency Monday 24th June)**

Sports day will follow a similar format to previous years. We will have house potted sports in the school playground before lunch. Parents/carers are welcome to stay in school grounds for a picnic lunch and then we will head to the village green for our races in the afternoon. We will return to the school for medal presentations for the winning house and ice-lollies before home time at 3pm.

The following Monday will be used if there is any issues due to the weather.

**Staffing Update**

Mrs Bain provided an update at the meeting in relation to staffing changes for next academic session. The main change is that Miss Morrow will be transferring to Lawhead for academic session 2024-25. There will also be a reduction in pupil support hours – this will likely be 1 FT member of staff. The situation is very fluid so she may be unable to confirm the exact staffing composition until closer to the summer holidays. A large obstacle is the issue with PT and FT teaching staff and the changes in class setup in recent years. Looking at probationer options is still a possibility.

**Transition Plans**

We have been working with our new P1 family on a bespoke transition plan with regular visits to prepare for the move to P1 in August. Our P7’s have had their final enhanced transition visit to Madras and now have their 3-day visit coming up on 11th-13th June. Information from Madras and our school office have been shared with P7 parents in relation to travel, lunches, etc. for this visit.

**Reports**

End of session reports will be sent home on Friday 14th June with your child in a sealed envelope along with a letter from myself outlining levels, etc.

**Trip to Lochore Meadows – Thursday 20th June**

A whole day trip to Lochore Meadows has been arranged on the date above. Pupils will depart school shortly after 9am and travel by minibus to Lochore. Pupils in P5-7 will be participating in adventurous activities led by Lochore trained staff. Pupils under P5 are not permitted to take part in these activities. Pupils in P2-4 will be taking part in a range of outdoor activities led by school staff. Mrs Simpson from Lawhead will be driving the minibus and Mrs Marwood and Miss Clark will also be attending. The children will require a packed lunch (this can be ordered from the school if required). They will depart Lochore at around 2pm in order to be back at school for home time at 3pm. There will be no charge for this trip as we secured funding to cover all costs.

**End of Term Arrangements**

Our leavers assembly will take place in school on Thursday 27th June at 2.15pm. Parents and carers are all invited to say their farewells to our P7s and to enjoy refreshments afterwards.

**School Improvement Planning for Session 2024-25**

As Largoward will be remaining as a single class next academic session our improvement priorities will continue to focus on effective differentiation and providing a coherent and progressive curriculum within a multi-stage composite class. We are exploring links with Pitlessie which is a similar context so that staff can work collaboratively and share good practice.

With three weeks remaining until the end of the school session it now seems very unlikely that the school will be visited by HMIE until after the summer holidays.

Our standards and quality report for 2023-24 is in progress and will be shared with parents in September.

**Thank You!**

Thank you so much to the Parent Council for our new shed and the hard work this weekend building it. This will be a great addition to our outdoor learning resources. We are very grateful.

# Other Items

# Leavers items

At the time, previews for leavers jereseys were received and designs decided for ordering. Books have been handed in for the pictures to be added. Thanks for help in printing these.

# School Garden

The new garden shed has been built and is already being utilized. There is paint left for the old one, with the now hidden side painted before being blocked off. Some additional tidying was done and there is a new compost bin.

The Parent council will continue to engage on further options to support this next term

# Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 27 August at 6.00 pm. This will also include the AGM.