**Good afternoon,**

I hope everyone has had a good week.

**Family Partnership**

Thank you very much to everyone who attended the Family Partnership meeting yesterday evening, and to Mrs Craig for looking after the children that attended.

A committee has been established and we have now set a date for **Thursday 28th November, 6.00pm – 7.30pm** to hold an **AGM**, which will include appointing office bearers. This meeting will be hosted in the school again, and all are welcome to come along. One of the discussion points may be where and when to hold meetings from now on.

**HT Report from Family Partnership**

I give a HT report at Family Partnership meetings so I am including below some of the information I gave out last night:

* We have very settled children in general in school.
* The number of transition visits we held helped our Primary 1 children settle well and the transition with Kings Park Secondary school means our children now in S1 settled very well as well, which is generally the case.
* Primary 1 is pretty much full and we had a number of new enrolments across the school as well, in August and since then.
* Our current total number of children in the school is 234, which is the highest in the time I have been here I think, and certainly since before Covid.
* We are currently re-organising the lower hall due to the creativity room from last year now being a classroom and upstairs now has a creativity room.
* Committees and masterclasses are on just now allowing children to be involved in change and initiatives across the school, and mix with other children/staff and try new things.
* Our school improvement priorities this session are to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy with a key focus on co-creating success criteria and feedback, develop a skills based curriculum incorporating pupil leadership, continue to work towards becoming a language and communication friendly establishment.
* I also discussed our use of X. We have never had a huge uptake of families on X/Twitter – we feel you get the information you need from Seesaw and my emails so I understand this. X was mainly for schools to show what they were doing, share the partnership work we do with our community and for prospective parents. We wish to use social media wisely, in accordance with our values and to model responsible use for the children, so we were never prolific on it but I have not really used it since last session. It does not feel to me like a platform we want to be part of, particularly since the summer with the misinformation and less than respectful views that can be prolific on it. Due to this I do feel like we could potentially slightly miss out on engaging prospective new parents though. I am going to try to use the website more for this, but I am happy to take any suggestions/views on this.

**Winter Fair**

As detailed in the family calendar I sent out a few weeks ago our Winter Fair is on the afternoon of Friday 6th Dec, roughly 1.00pm – 3.00pm, which we would love if you would come along to. (Exact timings to be confirmed.)

It will be run in a similar way to last session and one of the things happening will be the children selling items that they have made. This fits in with our technologies curriculum for designing and creating items and our numeracy and mathematics curriculum of budgeting.

It would really help us out if we could have some helpers for this event. I understand that you will wish to spend time with your child/children too and if we get enough helpers we will be able to organise time slots for it. I will organise a google form that you can sign up to specific jobs, but I just wanted to give plenty of notice that helpers would be amazing!

**Other dates**

These dates are also detailed in the Family Calendar but just to highlight them again for you:

* Friday 15th November – P4 assembly 2.00pm, with tea/coffee from 1.30pm
* Wednesday 20th November – Parents Evening
* Friday 22nd November – Family café at morning drop off
* Thursday 28th November – Family Partnership AGM, 6.00pm – 7.30pm
* Friday 29th November – P5 assembly, with tea/coffee from 1.30pm
* Wednesday 4th December – pantomime performance at the school for the children
* Friday 6th December – Winter Fair
* Monday 9th December – P1 Christmas party
* Tuesday 10th December – P2 Christmas party
* Wednesday 11th December – P3 Christmas party
* Thursday 12th December – P4 and P5 Christmas party
* Friday 13th December – Christmas lunch
* Friday 13th December – P6 and P7 Christmas party
* Wednesday 18th December – Christmas service at Clincarthill Church 9.45am
* Friday 20th December – School closes 2.30pm

As you can see this term gets very busy!

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Caroline