 *Parents Committee Meeting 7th May 2025*

*Attendees: Chamaida, Zuzana, Uzmah, Tooba, Karen, Clare, Kirstine*

**Minutes:**

1. School Events:

Summer Fayre……………………… 30th August

* Sub meeting to be arranged ASAP to plan. See plan from last year.

Sports Day ……………………………13th June

* Zuzana – Samosas
* Uzmah – Pakora
* Drinks? No cans or fizzy juice
* Meeting TBA ASAP to plan

P7 School Prom……………………. 19th June

* Find out theme (KK)
* Food? (KK)
* Report to PC (KK)

1. School Repairs - GCC have started all repairs

* PC sent a letter to our local councillor Jon Molyneux stating all the repairs required in our school. Jon contacted the council’s property and estates team. Below is the reply from the council.

Dear Councillor, Molyneux,

Thank you for your enquiry on behalf of PTC regarding the general condition of St Albert’s Primary School and concerns over damage caused by vandalism.

It is extremely frustrating and disappointing when our school buildings are continually being targeted by these mindless perpetrators, causing distress to the schoolchildren, staff, parents, and the local community, as well as draining our financial resources on costly repairs.

In terms of CCTV, our experience across the education estate shows that it does little to deter antisocial behaviour and in almost all cases, the perpetrators are wearing hooded tops and capped hats which are often enough to prevent identification.  This, together with the current financial challenges makes this level of investment from the repairs and maintenance revenue budgets unaffordable at this time.  However, an officer from Property and Consultancy Services (PCS) will request a quotation for supply and installation of CCTV and pass it to the Head Teacher with a view to identifying external grant funding.

With regards to the general condition of the building and any outstanding repairs; it is worth noting that significant investment has been made upgrading the lighting throughout the building to LED, as well as more recent works to create two accessible personal care spaces to accommodate children with additional support needs.  There are further works planned to fully renew the path from the main entrance gate to make this accessible for wheelchair users; this work is scheduled to be carried out during the summer break to avoid disruption to the school.

In an effort to deter further antisocial activity and vandalism, an officer from PCS has arranged for a manned guard to be present within the building during evenings and weekends with effect Tuesday 27 April and to be reviewed w/b Monday 26 May.  During this time, the glazing on 18 smashed windows will be replaced; this is scheduled for completion by Monday 19 May.

Please be assured that NRS, Property and Consultancy Services is treating this matter with extreme importance hence the requests in increased mobile security patrols and 24/7 manned guarding of the building outwith school core hours to allow time for the perpetrators to be identified and charged by the Police.

I trust this update is helpful.

Stevie Scott

Head of Property Asset Management

1. Road Safety Concerns.

Different improvements were suggested:

- Establishing a car-free zone near the school by formally requesting council approval.

- Installing signage to prevent cars from idling outside the school.

- Raising awareness for road safety – Led by Georgina & Zuzana.

* This was discussed with Clare Harker.
* Explore the option of a car free zone (Zuzana)
* Junior Road Safety Group (pupil council)
* Email local councillor to discuss signage & zebra crossing. Invite Councillor to visit at 3pm (PC)

1. Plan for next year

Groups – events/culture & school policy, assessment etc.

* Meeting to be arranged with Clare Harker & parents/carers to discuss classes, budget, policies, School Improvement plan for next year ASAP.
* Aim for 2 groups in PC. One for events/culture & another for school policies etc.

1. Adult taking photo of children in playground.

* Police were informed straight away. The perpetrator was caught.
* Police spoke to upper school regarding safety and offered support.
* Areas of the playground have been cut off for play to avoid children being too close to the gates.

1. Bikes in bike shed

* Bikes are unrepairable and to be recycled (Zuzana)
* Bike ability course for staff & parents (KK)
* Funding for new bikes - Lottery