



St Mary's Parent Partnership Meeting

27th September 2022

Present:

Mr Deegan (HT)	G Henry
Mrs Blincow (DHT)	L Owens
E Fitzharris (Parish Representative)	J McCafferty
M Cassidy (Chairperson)	K Ferrie
N Dvorak (Secretary) - minutes	H McGivern
L Owens (Communications)	C McCorkindale
S O'Brien (Vice Treasurer)	L Medinelli

Apologies:

J Sheridan (Vice Secretary)	D McLaughlin (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr F Brennan	C Burrows
Cllr G Brooks	Cllr E Robertson
R Cowie	V Pollard
S McMillan	J Campbell
J McCabe	E Donnelly
S McBride	

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - M Cassidy welcomed everyone. Attendance sheet was passed around. We joined Mrs Fitzharris in an opening prayer. M Cassidy went through agenda.

2. **HT Update** - Mr Deegan updated us on a number of items:

Meet the Teacher - This was well attended. Will perhaps do it staggered next time as it was very busy at the start.

Official Opening - The official opening of the school took place last Thursday and was a success.

Breakfast Club - delay in this being signed off as staff already at St Mary's were not allowed to take on roles automatically, the posts need to be advertised.

Break Times – Pupil Council to be consulted as there has been mixed views from children about having joint break times, instead of staggered as it was during covid restrictions.

Grounds Development –

- Muga net has been delayed due to planning needing sought.
- Accessibility of the top playground. M Deegan met with the Architect who took photos. E Montgomery received PP letter and in response, stating that this issue had been previously considered and it was found that a ramp would encroach upon the playground too much. M Deegan to discuss with M Roach to enquire what the next stage of this process should be. PP want to ensure the conversation continues and to be kept updated. Lots of discussion from PP that the situation has changed since the initial consultation for the playground, and that it doesn't meet the needs of all children attending the school and that this should be taken into consideration.
- J McCabe offered the services of RBS/Natwest to help with playground works. Gardening not needed now as council came in to clear new play area ahead of the School opening. Volunteers will attend next week but to be discussed if they will now paint murals on the walls instead. PP agreed to fund supplies of either grass or paint, which ever was decided.

Residential Trips – P6 trip to Largs has been booked.

Confirmation Consultation – It was discussed that the attached consultation was not user friendly and concerns were raised if anyone would reply. Survey Monkey to be created to be circulated. PP discussed that the views about where to have the Confirmation service were very mixed, many in favour of local more personal service at St Mary's, while others felt Cathedral was more of a grand ceremony and that most children would not have been to the Cathedral before.

Confirmation – Will go ahead the same as last year, mid week at St Mary's church. The Bishop has been requested for the selected date.

Communion – Will take the same format as last year along with first holy confession. There will be no sacramental meeting again this year. School will arrange a thanksgiving mass at school, to allow for a communal meeting afterwards as there is no communion breakfast.

MacMillan Cancer Research Coffee morning – taking place this Friday morning (30th September) with a request for donations of cakes.

3. Fundraising

- Quiz Night - it was agreed to change the date of the Quiz Night to Friday 11th November. Agreed that tickets will be issued in school, £5. Group call email to request raffle prizes. Bring your own bottle/snacks.
- Come as you please day - confirmed Friday 14th October.

4. AOB

Sports Kits - L Owens almost finished compiling list to supply kits.

Halloween Parties - date set 31st October and PP to supply sweets and snacks.

5. Next Meeting - Wednesday 26th October in the School at 7pm. All welcome.