



St Mary's Parent Partnership Meeting

26th October 2022

Present:

Mr Deegan (HT)	Cllr E Robertson
Mrs MacDonald (ADH)	E Donnelly
E Fitzharris (Parish Rep)	S McBride
M Cassidy (Chairperson)	K Ferrie
D McLaughlin (Deputy Chair)	V Bonnar
N Dvorak (Secretary) - minutes	C McCorkindale
V Pollard (Treasurer)	L Medineli

Apologies:

J Sheridan (Vice Secretary)	C Burrows
Cllr F Brennan	J Campbell
Cllr G Brooks	L Owen
R Cowie	C O'Donnell
S McMillan	H McGivern
J McCabe	E Stevens
G Henry	

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - M Cassidy welcomed everyone. 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:

Playground toys - between £300/500 was spent on playground toys including skateboard type toys.

Outdoor learning - Staff attended the Cut Visitor Centre to learn about outdoor learning. The school hopes to be able to utilise free Ranger service in the New Year and will arrange transportation through a contact at Pottery St.

School Funds

- **School cinema trips** - all pupils to go the cinema for free for the Film Festival. The price agreed with the cinema allowed each pupil to receive popcorn, sweets and a drink, with the cost covered by school Funds.
- **Science Centre Trips**- P4 and P5 recieved a grant to allow pupils to attend for free with the cost of the bus covered by Parent Pay. P6 and P7 to be allowed to attend also cost covered by school Funds in fairness that they also only pay £4 parent pay.

Administration request -Office staff requested funds for paper from PP admin fund. Agreed as we have always done this.

Breakfast Club - only awaiting crockery to start, should be imminent.

Grounds Development -

- Accessibility of the top playground. M Deegan, M Cassidy and G to Meet M Roach to look at slope prospects.
- J McCabe offered the services of RBS/Natwest to help with playground works. M Deegan to finalise asking for assistance to build picnic benches and mud kitchens.

Christmas Parties and Shows

- There will be 4 Christmas Shows, 2 in the afternoon, 2 in the evening.
- Expected to take place week commencing 12th December. PP allowed to do 50/50 before each show and to sell calendars then.
- Christmas Parties will take place in the final week of school, final dates are to be finalised.
- Notre Dame concert band also to attend school for a concert.
- P7 to attend Notre Dame Panto.

3. Fundraising

- Quiz Night - 11th November. Three or 4 committee members to be there to facilitate the night. Stand up bingo, bottle roll and phone number on a slip confirmed activities. Tickets will be sold at school, forms to be sent out. L Owens to put out poster and tickets printed.
- Santa Quest to take place Friday December 9th. Christmas themed come as you please. Mr Bonnar to be Santa again. Agreed sponsored run to go ahead, but other two activities to be agreed closer to the time.

- Christmas cards - PP agreed not to do them this year as the shows are going ahead this year and that people are sending less Christmas cards. M Deegan suggested doing Christmas Calendars as this was something his pervious school had done. PP will do one Christmas Calendar per class.

4. **AOB**

Sports Kits - L Owens discussed with M Deegan the need for only some parts of the list of kits. Final list to be agreed next time.

Christmas P1 Santa presents - PP agreed to fund books from the works the same as last year.

Athletics - took second place.

PP storage - M Deegan agreed to allow PP storage space in cupboards in the meeting room. M Wilson to look through other shelves of items and combine in new space.

5. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday 30th November. All welcome. After new year, we will the timing and format of the PP meetings. For example, we may hold meetings every 6 weeks or alternate between in-person and Zoom meetings.