



## St Mary's Parent Partnership Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Present:

Mr Deegan (HT)	J McCafferty
Mrs Blincow (ADH)	J Boyd
E Fitzharris (Parish Rep)	S McBride
M Cassidy (Chairperson)	J Ferrie
N Dvorak (Secretary) - minutes	V Bonnar
V Pollard (Treasurer)	C McCorkindale
L Owens (Communications)	S Hastings
S O'Brien (Vice Treasurer)	G Henry

### Apologies:

J Sheridan (Vice Secretary)	C Burrows
Cllr F Brennan	J Campbell
Cllr G Brooks	E Stevens
Cllr E Robertson	E Donnelly
D McLaughlin (Deputy Chair)	L Medinelli
R Cowie	C O'Donnell
S McBride	H McGivern
J McCabe	

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-

**Breakfast Club** - There are about 30 students a day attending. Posts for staff have been advertised, there are three current support staff, two of which are planning to apply.

**Grounds Development** - Accessibility of the top playground. M Deegan, M Cassidy and G Henry met M Roach to look at a small ramp to the platform and a

further ramp and resurfacing to allow access. Was a very positive meeting, M Roach said he did not see why a slope could not be put in. M Deegan has emailed, awaiting reply.

**P7 Prayer breakfast** - Was very busy and pupils did very well.

**Christmas Parties and Shows** - Shows have mostly sold out, most parents got their 1<sup>st</sup> choice in tickets. New stage is ready.

**New Christmas tree** - A new tree for the school was purchased with school Funds.

**Athletics** - took fifth place, they hope to make the finals which take place at the sports centre. First time ever St Mary's athletics team would make the finals.

**Cross Country** - Every team took a medal.

**Sports Kits** - Agreed J Boyd to order athletics, football and cross country with PP funds. This is to allow kits to be here time for Athletics final. Roughly £1100.

### 3. Fundraising

- Quiz Night - collected £850.
- Current PP Balance - V Pollard said there was currently £2000. M Cassidy and D McLaughlin owed some funds for Quiz expenses.
- Santa Quest to take place Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Christmas themed come as you please. Mr Smith to be Santa again. Agreed there will be a run, Quiz, card decorating competition and pin the nose on Rudolf. PP to provide sweets, and chocolate Santas for prizes. Also agreed not to do wrapping paper challenge due to waste. M Deegan said the school had had requests from Ardgowan Hospice and Mary's Meals. PP agreed to donate an amount of the sponsor funds with both charities. Funds to be handed into school by 16<sup>th</sup> December. N Dvorak to collect. M Deegan will write a letter to be issued along with the sponsor form to explain about fundraising for the charities and what the Santa Quest Day will involve.
- Calendar - Photos to be taken on Friday. There will be a sample of calendars at the Christmas Shows. L Owens to create calendar and source envelopes.
- 50/50 Raffle at Christmas Shows. We have plenty of raffle tickets. School will send message out to let people know to bring money for raffle and calendars. Two members of PP need to attend Christmas shows to facilitate raffle.
  - Monday - G Henry & C McCorkindale

- Tuesday - V Pollard & N Dvorak
  - Wednesday - L Owens &
  - Thursday - V Bonnar & K/J Ferrie
- Future 2023 events - Discussed a few different ideas for raising funds next year. Ladies Day, Race Night, Summer BBQ, Movie nights, Easter Fete and Discos were all raised. A fundraising committee to be formed January to take these ideas forward. Two main items to be raising funds for were the Library which will need upwards of £10,000 and potentially accessible playground equipment.

#### 4. **AOB**

**Hymn CDs** - PP provided funds to school so these could be purchased.

**Christmas Party Snacks**- N Dvorak to attend Bookers to arrange delivery of snacks for Parties.

**Choir** - have been booked for 3 nursing homes.

**Bishop Meeting** with E Fitzharris and V Pollard - Children's Liturgy are looking for volunteers. V Pollard discussed having a family mass once a month, as other parishes do and perhaps to PP provide Tea and Coffee in the hall after. Fr Tom is to come into the school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to meet with different classes. P4 mass of commitment was lovely and well attended.

#### 5. **Next Meeting**

Monday 16th January. All welcome. We discussed frequency of meetings and it was agreed they would still need to be monthly initially in the new year due to organising fundraising events. We would like to request feedback on whether people would prefer alternate zoom meetings or in person. This will be done at the January meeting.