

# NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting - 1.11.23

Persons Present: June, Kim, Lizzie, Shona, Lorna, Manyla, Ashley, Scott, Marnie, Michelle, Marion

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of last meeting were approved and correct with matters arising as follows;

June welcomed everyone to the meeting saying it was good to see everyone back.

The discos were a success. It was a lovely team effort, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The amount raised is not yet known as the money is in the office and has not yet been counted. The Tombola on Parents evening raised £169.92, and the Book Sale raised £35.10.

Scott advised the Parent Council that no one had come forward to organise a Christmas Fayre on behalf of the Community Hub, therefore we should go ahead and organise our own Christmas Fayre. After a discussion it was decided that the Fayre could be held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 3.15pm till 5.15pm. The cost of a ticket for entry would be £1.00 for adults. This would allow the adult a cup of Tea/Coffee and a Biscuit. There would be no entry fee for children but a charge of £1.00 would be payable to visit Santa. As well as selling tables at £20 per table, we would have our own stalls - raffle, tombola, bobble bobbing, lucky dip and reindeer dust. Donations would be asked for from Asda, Morrisons and Tesco. Manyla will donate a Teddy for Guess the Teddy. Ashley will try to obtain donations from the local shops. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of some of the parents sitting food courses and maybe selling Hot Dogs with Onions.

Marnie will speak to parents out with the Parent Council to ask them for help on the day. Hot Dogs would be served in the kitchen area and Tea and Coffee served from the GP Room. An afternoon meeting has been organised for Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 11am for all helpers.

## 2. Correspondence:

Regarding the changing of names on the bank account. A letter should be given to the bank, signed by Scott, deleting old members, and adding new members. This letter would be ready tomorrow. It was noted that an amount of £1541 was sitting in the bank account at the moment.

## 3. School Update

## 4. AOCB:

As the P1 to P4's were being given a treat from the Commercial Hotel it was thought that maybe the PTA from both schools could get together and organise something for the P5 to P7's. Marnie will speak to St Brigids and find out who their PTA chairperson is. Perhaps a movie night with popcorn and wearing pyjamas could be the P5 to P7 treat. The Commercial are donating a selection box for each child.

The Graduation for the P7 's was spoken about. This will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The school will run the Graduation and the P7 parents would normally buy the hoodies and organise a disco. Last year the P7's were treated to a Silent Disco, McDonalds and a Forest Farewell.

At the January meeting it is hoped that we could talk about fundraising for P7 residential. A big thanks to the Company with whom Mr Weir works for giving a generous sum of money to enable the children to enjoy two pantomimes in school.

A toy drive will be held before Christmas. As well as the school taking part in this the Church and Made for You in ML2 will also be joining in.

Fundraising was discussed regarding the NL Community Lottery and it was thought that the Parent Council could perhaps approach Tesco, on behalf of the school, for a donation for School Trips.

Manyla advised the Parent Council that a parent had approached her, upset as her child had got out of the school gate after they were dropped off in the morning. Scott advised the Parent Council that there is an adult presence in the playground in the morning, but it would not be possible to stand solely at a gate. He advised that things would remain as they are for the meantime and parents should be dropping their children off as near 9.00am as possible.

It was also noted that the Parent Council would like to talk to the Councillors regarding traffic issues.

Anti Bullying Week is in November 2023 and Dyslexia Week is this week.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19.55pm.

