



St Brendan's  
Primary School and Nursery  
45 Barons Road  
Motherwell  
ML1 2NB

## Parent Council Meeting

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Date : 21/01/25

Time : 18.00

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Meeting chaired by Lisa Hewitt

### Distribution of Minutes:

All attendees  
Catherine Sweeney  
Motherwell Cllrs

### Attendees :

- Mrs Oates (HT)
- Mrs Colton (PT)
- Lisa Hewitt (Chair)
- Donna Matthewman (VC)
- Lesley-Ann Henderson
- Kate Anderson
- Collette Feeney
- Louise Curley
- Chloe Robertson

### Apologies:

- Karen Nailen (Secretary)



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## **1. Welcome**

Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

## **2. Previous minutes and review of actions**

Actions of which has been addressed: -

Homework survey been issued to all parents.

School have sent info re: school uniform/swap shop via newsletter.

Church car park gate had been opened for a trial period - this was successful.

As previous minutes uniform suppliers i.e. M n S and Asda have discontinued brown school clothing items. LH to contact other schools that have a brown uniform to check their stance on this. Also sending a letter to uniform suppliers regarding this. Action - Ongoing

## **3. Review of homework survey results and next steps**

MC advised that 106 parents completed survey and 79 children completed survey.

The results have shown that 43% of children wanted homework to continue and 58% of parents would like homework to continue.

Feedback and comments from survey were discussed but it was agreed that the response showed very mixed views from both parents and children. MO did advise that the uptake in homework specifically in the upper school was low. MO would like to survey staff to get their views on homework also. A summary will be sent to parents regarding the survey analysis and the completion of homework will be noted. This will be discussed again at the next meeting once the results from the staff have been collated.

## **4. Car Parking**

There has been positive feedback regarding the use of the church gate. LH had received feedback through social media and also parental comments. Everyone agreed that this is well used and the agreement with the parish priest would continue for the gate to be opened in the mornings.

It was noted that there have been cars stopping to drop off children at the yellow lines and around/in the disabled spaces. It was made clear that parents/carers using the car park to drop off should only be using the designated parking spaces provided. MO advised that she can speak to anyone that is occupying the space to explain that this is causing concern.

### **4.1 Latecoming**



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It has been noticed that there has been a huge increase in late coming in the morning. The procedure at the moment is a letter is sent to parents if their child is late 10 times in the term. MO advised there might need to be a drive to try to inform parents of late coming although staffing can make this difficult.

## **5. School Photographs**

As advised at our previous meeting the photographer that the school uses has been off since the schools returned so no photos have been taken as yet of the children this year. MC had tried to contact him but has not had a response as yet. It was agreed that we would give him until the end of January to reply to the school to find out when he can attend to take the school photographs. He is also booked to take photographs at the Sacraments in the church.

## **6. Fundraising Update**

KA gave an update. The account has just over £6000 in it at the moment and there is just over £500 due in March from the Asda cashpot. KA advised that a fundraising meeting had just taken place and it was agreed that with the P7 fundraiser in February the fundraising committee would put their efforts into supporting that rather than the ladies night this year. The big focus for the fundraising committee would be the family fun night which will take place on 26th April 2025, venue TBC. Rosary beads will be ordered - CF to see Aileen at the chapel.

Fundraising committee will have a planning meeting on February 26th to plan the family fun night. All welcome.

## **7. HT Update**

28 children have enrolled for P1 for year 25/26. 38 children moving onto secondary school. Numbers are declining which could have an impact on staffing next year.

Positive feedback was received from carols service and enterprise fayre. The staff were happy with how it all went. The school made good money from Asda when carol singing over the Christmas period. Bags were made this year again by a parent within the school to support families over Christmas. Vouchers were also given out to help support families.

The golden time focus within the school is to develop skills of creativity. Exciting clubs will be run and children have chosen which club they would like to be part of. This is being sorted at the moment as the children have made their choices.

The school hopes to put on a creativity showcase at the end of the year including a glee performance, art gallery etc.



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At the moment with different staff absences/mat leave the school are short of a cluster resource teacher. They are hopeful that they will hear from the authority soon about this cover. Different interventions running within the school at the moment including bespoke maths, RWI, Seasons for Growth and an RTIC group.

Staff have been trained on The promise, expressive arts planners are being put together and the monitoring of maths and conversations with learners has already taken place. Literacy will take place soon. Some staff are doing a practitioner enquiry about creativity.

23 children will make their Reconciliation this year and 28 children will make the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Child Profiles of progress - Mrs Oates contacted other schools to check how they were profiling but there were no programmes that seemed suitable for St Brendans to use. Miss Burns is designing own profile programme that the school will use - this is underway at the moment..

Within the nursery there have been staff absences this year that have caused more pressure on the Senior Leadership team in the school at times having to cover. There is an ongoing expressive language project in verb and the 3 read approach. Staff team are working well together.

Next meeting April 29th

### Action list

Action	Who
Letter to be sent to schools with brown uniform	PC Lisa
Letter to be sent to uniform suppliers	PC Lisa
Mrs Oates to survey staff re: homework	Mrs Oates
Summary sent to parents re: homework survey	Mrs Oates
Speak with anyone continually parking on disabled space in church car park	Mrs Oates
Chase photographer if he has not replied	Mrs Colton