

Parent Council AGM held on Tuesday 29th September 2020 @ 6.30pm

Present: - Miss Hay, Mrs Smith, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Bowman, Mr & Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Keiller, Mrs Mackintosh, Ms Jack, Mr Duncan, Mrs Mowat, Ms Guthrie, Ms Whitby, Mrs Awburn, Mrs Delo

Apologies: - Mrs Summers, Ms Mein

Minutes from previous meeting: - Accepted.

1. Overview of Parent Council

Brief summary given for the benefit of any new parents.

2. Election of Committee

Members were voted and elected as follows:

Chair	Mrs Bowman	Nominated: Ms Jack	Seconded: Mrs Keiller
Vice Chair	Mrs Mowat	Nominated: Ms Jack	Seconded: Mrs Bowman
Secretary	Mrs Keiller	Nominated: Miss Hay	Seconded: Ms Jack
Treasurer	Ms Jack	Nominated: Mrs Bowman	Seconded: Mr Mitchell

Committee Members: Mrs MacIntosh, Ms Guthrie, Mr Mitchell

3. Headteacher Update

It has been a very different start to term with regards to the physical layout of class rooms and movement through school in response to covid measures. The school is attempting to maximise the outdoor space available. Outdoor PE is to continue so appropriate clothing should be worn. Lunches have been in class, except for P1, and on the return after October holidays hot lunches will be available.

Children have settled well into classroom routines however, staff have noted large gaps in learning with regards to where the children are compared to previous years. As a result revision and revisiting areas has been a focus this term. Despite overall positive engagement and response to home learning, further areas in literacy and numeracy will be worked on to support the children's progress. Social skills have also regressed as a result of the school closure. The ability to sustain listening and focus for extended periods of time, social skills such as turn taking, not shouting and sharing the teacher's time with the rest of the class are areas that must be worked as the children re-adjust.

A real positive was communication during the home learning period through seesaw and this will continue for homework.

The school is carrying forward last sessions school improvement plan. At this point in time there is uncertainty around how the November parent contact meetings will take place whether it is via teams or it is a short written report. Further information will be provided.

4. Treasurer Update:- Balance as of 29th September 2020 is £4155.86. The accounts have been audited for the year and all are in order. At present there are no fundraising activities planned.

A quote of £3000 has been received for an outdoor lockable classroom to facilitate 25 children. This is on hold at present as there is potential that funding grants may become available and further quotes are required as this is in excess of the expected amount.

The basketball nets were vandalised during lockdown and it is the intention to replace when children are moving more freely around the playground as at present it is only P1 children using the playground area.

5. AOB:-

Ms Jack and Mrs Smith were thanked for their contributions as Chairperson and Treasurer.

A pumpkin drawing window event was suggested as a fun alternative for the children in light of covid limitations on Halloween this year. It was agreed that we would proceed with this and make it a competition for the number of pumpkins spotted in the village.

6. Next Meeting Tuesday 17th November @ 6.30PM

All parents are welcome.