

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

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6 September 2023		<p data-bbox="568 450 663 481"><u>Present</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 521 1393 730">Linda Berry (Head Teacher), Laura Syme (Chairperson), Lorraine Poole (Vice-Chairperson), Lorraine Brown (Secretary), Yvonne McAlister (Vice-Secretary), Holly Hampsey (Vice-Treasurer), Claire McAlister, Karen Tweedy, JK, Cheryl Burke, Annette Graham, Andrea Kane, Jennifer McDonald, Claire Muir, Bami Gwogar, Gani Yat, Pamela Lingard, Miss Hammond.</p> <p data-bbox="568 770 691 801"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 842 1166 873">Pauline Brown (Treasurer), Karen Riley, Sam Burns</p> <p data-bbox="568 913 1185 945"><u>Welcome and Introduction to the Code of Conduct</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 985 1393 1088">Laura Syme welcome everyone present at the meeting and handed them all a copy of Woodlands Parent Council Code of Conduct. These have to be signed and handed in at the next meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="568 1128 844 1160"><u>Head Teacher's Report</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 1200 687 1232"><u>New Staff</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 1272 1393 1375">Linda Berry informed the parent council that newly appointed members of staff started this term They are Mrs Gibney (Deputy Head Teacher), Miss McGilvary and Mrs McInnes (short-term).</p> <p data-bbox="568 1415 738 1447"><u>School Fences</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 1487 1393 1659">Amey is aware that there are loose panels in the old fence and is looking into the long-term costs of maintaining it (because the parts are not routinely made anymore) or replacing it. A new fence is going up to close off the playground at the front. (prices being discussed by LA)</p> <p data-bbox="568 1700 842 1731"><u>Playground Equipment</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 1771 1393 1839">This is in the process of getting repaired but most repairs are not completed yet.</p> <p data-bbox="568 1879 762 1910"><u>School Calendar</u></p> <p data-bbox="568 1951 1393 2018">Calendars for the new school year may be distributed to the children for them to bring home.</p>

	EC	<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>A new homework system will be launched after the September weekend. There was a mixed response to this, with families being split roughly down the middle as to whether they wanted this or not. The homework distributed will be related to a monthly or termly theme being worked on in class. It will be in the form of weekly tasks. It will be entirely optional for families to decide whether the children do the homework or not, but it is highly recommended that they take part because it consolidates work done in class and will not be new learning. The school will provide all the resources required to complete the homework tasks, and is looking into online workshops, parent workshops and videos to help with this.</p> <p><u>School Website</u></p> <p>Mrs Coombes (School Secretary) is updating the school website. Minutes and parent council members need to be added to the website.</p> <p><u>School Trips</u></p> <p>The school is currently booking trips for this year. They are booking PACE for this year's Christmas pantomime.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>There is no report this month. The board needs to set a date to get Holly Hampsey on the account.</p> <p>Laura Syme has set up a Woodlands Parent Council account with CONNECT.</p> <p><u>Additional Support for Learning</u></p> <p>Mrs Harvey is off on maternity leave and an ASNA from Mary Russell school who teaches and translates braille is covering for her; however at the moment this member of staff is absent, leaving the school without a member of staff that is competent in teaching and translating braille for learners who require to use braille. Renfrewshire Council is looking into a solution to this problem.</p> <p>Some of the aids required by some of the learners with additional support needs were not in class from day 1 of the new term, and this has caused some problems for the learners concerned. There is a working-time agreement in June of each year for handover to the new class teachers and this issue will be addressed in time for the handover next year.</p>
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	<p>this. The May Fayre will be discussed and January's parent council meeting.</p> <p>Laura Syme is looking to vary the times of the parent council meetings so that all parents have a chance of attending. Room bookings are free during the school day but cost around £20 for evening lets.</p> <p><u>Breakfast Club</u></p> <p>Jillian Kerr conducted a poll to see if parents that needed the breakfast club would be willing to pay the £6/child the school would need to charge to keep the breakfast club running. 22% of those polled said they would and 16% said they wouldn't. The school simply doesn't have the funding going forward, most of which would be paying staffing costs. Mrs Berry has spoken to Amey and they said they would require at least 35 attendees per day and the attendance at breakfast club is currently below that. Other breakfast clubs are funded in different ways. The parent council will discuss funding in the group chat.</p> <p><u>P1/P2 Doors</u></p> <p>There is still an issue with parents and guardians crowding round the doors at pick up time. Mrs Berry said the school may use cones to move the parents and guardians back to make the way clear for the teachers to see that each child is going away with the correct adult.</p>
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