

Fisherton Parent Council Meeting 17th September 2024

Welcome and Apologies

Present: Bonnie McLean, Daisy Seymour, Lorna McCutcheon, Claire Devlin, Michelle Parkin
Corene McCrindle, LEEANNE Campbell

Apologies: None

Treasurer's report

Funds in bank stand at £2765.00

Paid out: Panto tickets for Christmas, teacher subscription to Twinkl

Parent Council round up of previous year

General thanks given to all the support given by the local community in fund raising events and those who help keep the school play area maintained. Also, all the best was given to Mrs. Hamilton and her future endeavors.

Voting for official roles

Chair: Nominated – Michelle Parkin, vote carried by Bonnie and Daisy

Vice Chair: Nominated – Bonnie McLean, vote carried by Michelle and Lorna

Treasurer: Nominated – Lorna McCutcheon, vote carried by Bonnie and Claire

Secretary: Nominated – Claire Devlin, vote carried by Michelle and Corene

School Update

- Newsletter will be issued by the end of the week.
- School numbers at present are 29 in the school and 5 in the nursery.
- Thanks to people who have handed in donations to hamper already. Donation can be made till Fri 27th sept.
- Thanks to the Parent Council for all their fundraising that supports the school.
- Thanks to parents for the help with the trim trail and school grounds.
- The school is looking for donations of bird tables, bird seeds, children's gardening gloves, plant cuttings and spring bulbs.
- The trim trail has been inspected by a school approved company to see how much it will be for repairs. Mrs. Campbell to update on costs when available.
- Staffing update – Mr Sisi returned and will be in on Tuesday, supporting with the assessment and to support tracking and monitoring. We now have an early years principal teacher Gary Train who will be in one day per fortnight on a Thursday.
- Active school will be doing junior coaching award with the big class, 4 week block at the end of October/November time.
- Tracy Nelson is working with P4-7 on Musical Theatre. School is possibly planning to put on a joint show at some point in the year.

- As the school believed the church to be closing, they planned that there would be an infant nativity play at the school instead. Disappointment was expressed at losing the time at the church as parent felt it was special. However, with the church's upcoming closure, new ways in which to put on a Christmas show was welcomed by the school. The school will take consideration of the fact they have now learned that the church will still be available this Christmas and may perform the infant nativity there.
- All classes are learning about the local area this term and P4-7 will be taking participation in the Alloway tunnel project.
- Book bug session for Early Years will be in October on a Thursday morning.
- Mr Hill will be in school on Thursdays and will support with gardening and master classes.
- Master class will take place on Thursday afternoon and will be – food skills, creative skills, health and wellbeing and STEM.
- Parents Evening is planned at end of October. Appointments will be arranged by Mrs Hill through parent portal, so please bear with the school as this is the first year putting it together.
- Samples of work will be sent home before parent evening if parent wish to see them- issued on a Friday and returned on a Monday. It was expressed by some at the meeting that they would prefer not to have this happen.
- Wee class outdoor learning will be on Tues 1st October – full day.
- Short Harvest assembly will take place on Wed 9th October in the afternoon.
- P7's will have an opportunity to put themselves forward for south Ayrshire Youth Council.
- SIP/ standards and quality will be on the website by the end of the month.
- Fun 31 is in action at the school this year. This is to promote good choices by pupils and to uphold the values of the school. This links with the UNCRC article 31 of the right to rest, leisure and play. The school have developed a new relationship policy which incorporates this.
- Mrs Campbell asked parents if they understood the schools and South Ayrshire approach to supporting children with Additional Support needs to attend mainstream school. Mrs Campbell asked if parents feel that they required further information in relation to this. The consensus from parents was no, they did not require any further information.
- Mrs Campbell asked if more learning together events were needed. It was felt by those present that we had good days provided already, where parents could come and take part in activities with their children.

Questions from parents

- It was asked if someone within the school was allergic to nuts as it was mentioned not to bring nuts into school. As this has been allowed in the past certification was wanted. Mrs Campbell explained that at the start of the year, we don't have details of all new staff and pupils and awareness of any allergies.

Mrs Campbell will send out message asking if parents are ok with nuts being brought into school and inform parents if nut will again be permitted.

- Are children allowed to attend school on their PE days in their PE kits? The answer was yes if their top half remains in school uniform.
- Bonnie brought to the attention of the school the part of the playground fence at the roadside is very loose and requires maintenance. Mrs Campbell will inform the property officer of this.
- Daisy asked if the school would like to take part in singing songs at the Christmas light switch on. Mrs. Campbell will ask teachers and get back to her.
- Daisy asked for a rundown of what online programs are still in use at the school for children at home and could passwords please be sent out to parents again. Mrs Campbell asked staff to send these out to parents.

There were no further action points. The parents planned a further meeting date to discuss fundraising for Christmas. The meeting closed at 6.30pm.