

**Wester Overton Parent Council meeting minutes**

**7th October 2024**

**Present:** June Moir, Laura Ann Bailkoski, Fiona Hannah, Emma Beaumont, Alison Chand, Stephanie Chillingworth, Lisa Hendry (chair), Mary Ann Hutchison, Karen Kelly, Stacey Nisbet, Jonathan Orr, Amy Piper, Kirsty Redfern, Gillian Storrie.

**Apologies:** Becky Hunt, Lyndsey Morton.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th November, 7pm**

**Welcome and apologies**

**Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising**

**June’s news**

We have now had successful parental engagement visits for all classes. The feedback was very positive. Parents have asked for further parent workshops and help guides. Help guides have been uploaded to the school website and parents have been directed to this. Further workshops will be arranged throughout the year. Things that were asked for which we are unable to do is regularly send jotters home (they don’t come back) or set weekly written homework (we don’t do this- it takes several hours to prepare and correct homework and this time is better spent planning great learning experiences).

This term we have been able to successfully introduce Fluid Maths across the school. This approach means the whole class is being taught the same concept, allowing for more discussion and sharing of ideas, and for children to further challenge themselves.

We had almost 100% attendance at parents night, with very positive feedback from parents.

We had a very successful trip to Lochgoilhead with this year’s P7 cohort. Next year’s trip has already been booked at a cost of £325 each. This is very good value for the quality of the instructor led activities and the accomodation. The school fund will pay for the bus and snacks.

Thanks everyone for supporting Macmillan this year. We raised over £2200.

We have an ongoing issue with lost property. Children are leaving clothes on the changing room floors or leaving them outside. Most do not have their names.

**200 Club update**

Kirsty updated on progress with the 200 Club. Before setting up of 200 Club, Parent Council had just over £5000 in the bank, but 200 Club has taken in £500 at meeting date. Kirsty has taken out a small lottery licence, which needs to be renewed annually. 112 names on club list at the time of AGM, with most people set up to pay from 1 November. 84 people need to be signed up and paid to break even.

Posts to be put on Facebook, school app and email to encourage more recruitment [this has now been done].

**Election of office bearers**

Lisa re-elected as chair, Kirsty re-elected as treasurer and Alison re-elected as secretary.

**AOB**

Parent council to purchase drinks and snacks for Halloween disco. Gillian volunteered to purchase prizes.

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