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Parent Council.

27th Oct 2020

In Attendance - Miss Quail, Miss Parker, Mrs Walker, Mrs Carroll, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Allan, Miss Jones, Mrs Waugh

Apologies - Mr Callaghan, Cllr Ross

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| Welcome | Miss Quail welcomed all attendees to our virtual Parent Council meeting. |
| Opening Prayer | Led by Mrs Walker. Thank you. |
| Minutes of last Meeting | ~ No outstanding actions |
| Correspondence | ~ No correspondence received. ~ Mrs O'Connor has attended parent council meeting with SLC (T McDaid) and other reps across Local Authority. Providing updates for all PC chairs, will continue to attend. Information has been mostly secondary related. |
| Update from HT (Covid, Hallowe'en, Christmas, Kindles etc) | ~ Miss Quail provided update on Kindles - total of 24 have been ordered. 20 from PEF monies and 4 from community links grant. Currently waiting for these to arrive. ~ These will be given to pre-identified children/families within the school and will allow browser access for home working. ~ Miss Jones highlighted "Connecting Scotland" programme which will have applications open sometime in Nov. This can supply chrome books and Kindles along with 24mnths of internet to households who meet qualifying criteria. Miss Jones to email info to SMT. ~ Halloween activities planned, and party food has been donated from Coop Mill Road. These will be use within classes for Halloween parties. ~ Mrs Waugh highlighted that the Coop are keen to build on partner working in community and have offered further support at Christmas as well as the option to come into school and complete Fairtrade talks, and have the children over to the shop. This will be as and when restrictions allow. ~ Mrs Carroll advised that plans are now coming together for the Christmas activities taking place in the school. The staff want to ensure that while this year will be different, the children don't feel they are missing out on the usual fun. ~ Christmas Surprise - homework task being set next week around secret Christmas mission for kids. Children are aware of the surprise as has been discussed at assembly. ~ Will also be Christmas activities throughout class time. Teachers will use virtual activities rather than live. Looking to adapt as much as possible for the experience. |

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| | <p>~ Plans in place for communions missed during lock down to take place on 7th Nov. Fr O'Farrell was in school today and first confessions are arranged for week beginning 2/11/20.</p> |
| Breakfast Clubs | <p>~ Miss Quail advised that there has been no updated proved around breakfast clubs re-starting. There had been some discussion in August prior to term starting however, there has been no further developments. Unfortunately, no Cllrs are available to offer further insight at meeting. NLC have re-open however, these are chargeable services.</p> <p>~ It was highlighted that given the current restrictions and set up, clubs would be problematic to run due to not being able to monitor/maintain bubbles and the reliance on volunteers, who may not want to step forward at this time. Risk may not outweigh benefits.</p> <p>~ Miss Quail advised as soon as any info received this will be shared out.</p> |
| PTFA Update | <p>~ Mrs Waugh advised that the PTFA have now registered for internet banking to allow parents to transfer directly to account.</p> <p>~ PTFA are looking at possible set up of weekly/monthly bonus ball competitions. These would see funds allocated in part as the prize and the remainder to the school.</p> <p>~ Discussions around set up are ongoing and at the moment, no price point has not been decided for tickets. PTFA are mindful of ensuring it is affordable for all parents.</p> <p>~ Aiming to have set up prior to Christmas to allow for prizes in the run up to the period with big Christmas cash prize in last week of term.</p> <p>~ Update on Wear it Yellow for St Andrews Hospice - raised £248 through non uniform day.</p> |
| AOCB | <p>~ Mrs O'Connor noted how well everyone is getting on and how well the children are coping.</p> <p>~ Miss Parker provided update on the new library - Kids are loving the new facility. Children are accessing within bubbles with senior pupils acting as librarians. This has been great success.</p> <p>~ First Ministers reading challenge taking place throughout P4-7 with some involvement from P3 in composite classes. Each class has reading target to achieve and golden envelope for those who achieve.</p> <p>~ Also, extra play time, trophy and light box for winning class each week.</p> <p>~ Will run until Scottish book week (16th Nov)</p> <p>~ Chrome books available for pair reading with seniors and P1s. This is great opportunity for those who missed full experience of buddy system etc. Seniors are really benefiting from mixing with and helping younger kids.</p> <p>~ Mrs Carroll discussed the Bible Bus. This service usually takes place during assembly however, Alasdair has been in contact to advise they are now providing online services. Leading interactive bible stories for classes. This online platform continues to build community links within restrictions</p> |

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| | <p>and safety limitations. Mrs Carroll is hopefully of accessing services soon.</p> <p>~ Chairperson to be notified prior to meeting to ensure the next Agenda is sent to them.</p> |
| Date of next meeting | Tuesday 8 th Dec at 6.30pm |