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Parent Council.

8th Dec 2020

In Attendance - Miss Quail, Miss Parker, Mrs Walker, Mrs O'Connor, Mr Callaghan, Councillor Ross, Mrs Allan, Miss Jones, Mrs Waugh

Apologies - Mrs Carroll, Mrs McDermott, Councillor Nailon

Welcome	Miss Quail welcomed all attendees in our virtual Parent Council meeting.
Opening Prayer	Led by Mrs Walker. Thank you.
Minutes of last Meeting	~ Miss Jones has sent on information re Connecting Scotland and the new round of applications for internet devices and connectivity.
Correspondence	~ No correspondence received. ~ Mrs O'Connor has recently attended parent council meeting with SLC and other reps across Local Authority. This was mostly secondary focused. No major issues or concerns to report but will continue to attend when required.
Update from HT (Covid, Health & Safety, Adverse Weather, Risk Assessments, Readiness to Learn etc)	~ Everyone is doing extremely well. Can see a slight change in the children in that some are tiring and finding things more difficult than when school first returned in August. Closure of clubs and activities outside school during recent Tier 4 restrictions has had an impact and there have been a few wobbles. ~ Staff continue to do absolute best to support children at this time. Continuing with Emotion Works. Main continues to be on 3 key areas - literacy/Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Staff providing additional support where needed. ~ Trying where possible to ensure Christmas remains a special time for the children. Have moved Christmas tree to the dinner hall for added visibility etc. ~ School continues to work in zones/bubbles and staff are being extra vigilant to ensure standards and guidance is maintained. So far, we have not had any notable cases which have impacted on isolation/contact tracing etc. Try to maintain safety to keep this up, especially in run up to Christmas break. ~ Friday checklists are being completed each week and additional touch point cleaning has been introduced throughout the day. ~ Miss Quail acknowledges and thanks the hard work of our cleaning team. ~ All staff continue to be mindful of not worrying/scaring pupils while ensuring steady record and health and safety. Looking to continue excellent working practices on return to

	<p>school in January and remain consistent in low impact of isolation.</p> <p>~ Readiness to Learn document has been issued this week via Google classroom and the school app. Setting expectations in the event of isolation periods, or for any pupils required to shield. This provides an outline for how google classroom will look and the level of work that will be available for pupils to participate with. This will also be in place for the eventuality of any further whole of school closures.</p> <p>~ Updates to the school website - 2 new pages have been added. These are planned for use as support pages for home schooling. Video tutorials in uploading docs etc and accessing various platforms.</p> <p>~ The adverse weather policy has also been updated to include minor changes in the event that access points to school are limited. Miss Quail acknowledges and thanks Mr Hamilton's willingness to support how he can in this.</p> <p>~ Miss Quail advised that the school are adapting as circumstance dictate. Sends sincere thanks to parents who continue to support and offering 99% compliance.</p>
Update from PTs (Christmas plans / celebrations /gift)	<p>~ Miss Parker advised of a programme of upcoming Christmas activities -</p> <p>~ 16th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Lunch. As previously with non-uniform, school are asking for donations to be made. Mrs Walker has nominated CHAS to be the charity of choice this year. Details will be available on Parent Pay and again, there will be no max/min so that parents can donate as they can afford.</p> <p>17th Dec - Room 1-5 Christmas Parties</p> <p>18th Dec - Room 6-9 Christmas Parties</p> <p>~ Children will remain in bubbles, looking to possibly arrange seating plans ahead of time so that for parties and many Christmas activities children will be able to mix with their friendship groups. Christmas activities planned and hoping that snacks etc will be donated by Coop.</p> <p>~ There are also a number of Pantomimes that the children will be able to enjoy throughout the week 14-18th Dec.</p> <p>16th Dec - Motherwell Civic Panto which children will watch in class.</p> <p>Children will also have the chance to attend paid for panto which will be screened in the gym hall. This will be transformed into a cinema space with blankets, seating cushions, popcorn etc. Children will attend throughout the week with 2 classes in each day, the space will be cleaned between showings.</p> <p>~ Lastly a panto from Juniors Play café which feature some children/siblings from within the school community. This will be available within classes.</p> <p>~Miss Parker confirmed that gifts had been ordered with funds given from PTFA. Total of £568 used for class presents and individual gifts for P1-3.</p>

	<p>~The children continue to work on the Christmas surprise as arranged by Miss Parker and Mrs Carroll. This is currently being filmed/edited together and will be available via various school platforms.</p> <p>~ Miss Quail noted that Christmas is traditionally a very busy time of year in school and that there has been benefit this year in keeping things more calm. This has provided a better balance for those pupils who do not manage change as well.</p>
PTFA Update	<p>~ New PTFA Facebook fund raising page has been up and running for 10 days now "OLSA Bonus Ball and Fundraising" The pickup so far has been excellent with £850 raised just within these 10 days.</p> <p>~Planned activities over coming weeks include Nintendo switch prize, Christmas Hamper and a big money prize during Christmas week.</p> <p>~The PTFA are in regular contact via group chat and are continuing to come up with new and exciting ways to generate funds when we are not able to hold in person events.</p> <p>~PTFA have emailed Coop Mill Road to try and get further support/donation of Christmas snacks for parties etc. This has previously been a great help at Halloween and looking to replicate.</p> <p>~Miss Parker highlighted that she had handed some drawing/pics into the shop, but they had not been displayed. PTFA will mention this.</p> <p>~Miss Quail highlighted how please she was that the social aspect of PTFA was still being maintained, this is great for parent/peer engagement.</p> <p>~ Mrs Allan discuss plans to donate to local foodbank. This would normally take place but unsure of logistics this year given restrictions. Suggested having donation points with SMT at school gates at 9am/3pm to allow parent to safely donate. Miss Quail agreed that staff can monitor this and would allow sanitising and restrictions to continue.</p> <p>~PTFA also raised donations to families within our school community who are struggling at this time of year. There is capacity to support in some way. Discussed Love to Shop vouchers as these would allow people the flexibility to choose how they spend either on food/presents.</p> <p>~ Miss Quail advised she has 4/5 families already who can benefit from this, but that Miss Parker and Mrs Carroll can certainly provide more suggestions.</p>
AOCB	<p>~ Mrs Allan raised concerns over continued poor parking outside school gates. This is a hazard and although school has notified and asked parents to be mindful, this situation continues to be a problem.</p> <p>~ Cllr Ross advised that the police/traffic wardens can be called to specific incidents and will generally warn then prosecute on second offence.</p> <p>~ Cllr Ross also advised there are plans to introduce some various pilot schemes around SLC schools to try and reduce problem parking. This forms part of COVID town centre</p>

	<p>monies. Miss Quail offered OSLA as volunteer to take part in pilots.</p> <p>~ Cllr Ross took the opportunity to remind that if there are any needs of the school that he can assist with, contact can be made at any time. There is no requirement to wait for PC meetings to take place. He is happy to discuss and support in any way possible.</p> <p>~ Highlighted how well OLSA continue to do in our COVID response and the low impact of isolation etc. He also emphasises that while cases are reducing, we should be mindful that current good practices should continue to ensure we maintain low impact through school and wider community.</p> <p>~Miss Quail highlighted that OLSA remain the only school within learning cluster without significant case or need for isolation.</p> <p>~ Mrs O'Connor asked about delivery of children's Christmas cards. Miss Quail advised delay due to issue with envelopes but that these should be with children by end of this week.</p> <p>~ Chairperson to be notified prior to meeting to ensure the next Agenda is sent to them.</p>
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 2 nd February 2021 at 6.30pm