



**Hard Work  
Fairness  
Inclusion  
Respect  
Faith**

# Parent Council.

19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

In Attendance - Mrs Currie, Mrs Walker, Miss Parker, Mrs O'Connor, Mr Callaghan, Miss Jones, Mrs Waugh, Cllr Ross.

Apologies - Mrs Carroll, Cllr Nailon, Mrs Allan.

Welcome	Mrs Currie welcomed all attendees in our virtual Parent Council meeting.
Opening Prayer	Led by Mrs Walker. Thank you.
Minutes of last Meeting	~ No actions outstanding.
Correspondence	~ No correspondence received.
Update from HT re Covid & school business (Christmas Plans)	<p>~ Mrs Currie advised school is in a similar position as prior to summer holidays, Wider world is more open, but schools remain operating under different restrictions. Confirmation has been received that nothing at all will be changing for schools at this time. Has been business as usual operating since return to school in August. Parents night is due to take place in November and will again be completed by telephone, there was option for Google Meets however, this has been difficult to set up previously with low success rate. There are new systems being worked on however, these will not be in place prior to this years parents evening. There are no changes to rules around parents being invited to in school activities and assembly is still being held virtually. Classroom has been relaxed slightly, children are able to move more freely around the room and within their year group. There is the ability for buddy work to take place outside</p> <p>~ Increased challenge around staffing with higher than normal absences due to illness. Currently 2 support staff and 3 teaching staff off + 1 vacancy. Proving to be the most problematic issue.</p> <p>~Challenge poverty week 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Looking at practical ways to support families within the school community. Foodbank Fridays is being developed by staff with help from P6/7 pupils. Support from local Morrisons to develop in school foodbank. Have now purchased a washing machine for use in school, the hope is that this can be used in school first but that there will be an introduction not parent being able to access over time. Miss Jones advised of available tumble dryer if required in future. Miss Parker updated on creation of the borrowing library as part of Challenge Poverty week. Idea is to build a collection of various books covering across all abilities and age ranges which will be available to families with limited/no access to books. This will be separate from the main school library and will be targeted to specific pupils/families within the school. Children</p>

	<p>will collect books on Friday and be allowed to take these home and then return/swap when finished. Miss Parker advised that like the foodbank, this will remain in place long term.</p> <p>~Halloween swap shop is in place, children can bring in costumes and these will then be hung on the school fence for others to take from 20th. Halloween plans, children will be allowed to dress up for school if they wish. Will be Halloween parade in, P7 will be allowed to walk with their buddy and will have filming in place for upload to social media channels. Room of requirement will be used to host Halloween activities. Children have been making decorations for this in class and will be able to bring in carved pumpkins (donations from Morrisons for those unable to buy pumpkins). There will be parties in class and a visit to room of requirement on 29<sup>th</sup>. PTFA in discussion around party food to support this and potentially looking to contact CoOp for support.</p> <p>~ Mrs Currie updated on Missio work within school, programme will be in place over 2 years, there will be P6 Missio Champions and learning will include looking at own faith and having a role within the wider church and supporting children in developing countries.</p> <p>~OLSA has also signed up to be a Laudato Si school - linked to Cop26 and environmental responsibility.</p> <p>~ It was confirmed there would be no residential trip for P7s this year.</p>
PTFA - Christmas Fayre update	<p>~ Mrs Waugh advised that PTFA are looking to begin fundraising again in the lead up to Christmas. Currently just under £500 available. Discussions ongoing around possible Christmas Fayre, this is not able to take place throughout the day but could potentially happen in evening. Now able to book lets via SLC or potentially book Chapel hall for event. Will be using the Bonusball FB page and social media channels for majority of fundraising.</p> <p>~ Some discussion around Christmas pantomime, haven't book as yet but open to possibility of virtual or in person.</p>
AOCB	<p>~ Cllr Ross provided information on upcoming Community Planning Partnership activity. SLC are looking to create groups within key areas to have input into how local services are delivered. This is out with the school community and focuses on the wider community of your area, looks to include residents in the planning and decision making process. Previous successes in Hillhouse/Burnbank areas are now looking to be replicated, building on community empowerment. This will include element of participatory budgeting. Cllr Ross encourage anyone who may be interested to join in as the groups are highly valuable in being able to build community resilience and values. Will look at increase in local activities such as gala days and community wealth building. COVID has delayed the process slightly but are there will be leaflets distributed shortly setting out small grants which are available and to let people know about the process. Mrs Currie advised the school would be happy to share</p>

	any information/messages from local groups and to promote involvement from throughout the school community.
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 6pm