



St John's RC Primary

Parent Council Meeting Monday 11th November 2024 at 7pm

Minutes

PREVIOUS ACTIONS

- **PTA Coffee morning to be arranged (LL)** – Laura to take away and decide on a date.

- 1. Chairperson Report (LL)**
 - Laura presented her annual report. (Attached to minutes)

- 2. Treasurers report (CF)**
 - Colm presented his annual report – (Attached to minutes)

- 3. Appointment of independent examiner for the accounts**
 - Colm is looking for a volunteer within the school community to review the annual accounts.

- 4. Update from Head (JK)**
 - *Thank you.* Mrs Kelly extended a special thank you from the school to the PTA for their efforts throughout the year. The events and fundraising are always to benefit to the children and the school is incredibly fortunate to have the PTA to support in initiatives including Garden Gang and Active Schools.
 - *Pupil Leadership Groups.* Mrs Kelly confirmed that pupil groups will be set up across Primary 4-7. Groups will include Mini Vinnies and the Advent food bank to name but a few. Pupils have completed a survey regarding this. There will be lots of opportunities for pupils to be involved. The plan is to pilot this within the older classes first who will then feedback to the younger classes the work taking place.



- *Active Schools*. Unfortunately, the Active Schools coordinator has had a long period of absence due to a bereavement. Mrs Kelly is currently working with the Active Schools Manager and cluster colleagues to see if we can get any groups up and running. The PTA have provided funding in the past to allow these classes to run. **ACTION** – Laura to set up a separate follow-up call to discuss how the PTA can support Active Schools going forward.
- *Scottish Opera* – Mrs Kelly passed on a special thanks to the PTA from Claire Miller and the school for supporting this initiative. The next performance date for Scottish Opera is set for 28/2/25

5. Community Grants (LL)

- Laura is currently looking into up to £1000 worth of community grants which may be available to the school. Laura reached out for ideas on what the PTA could apply for. Mobile flood lights for the astro was suggested. If anyone has any other things we could consider please reach out to Laura or Mrs Kelly.

6. Portobello Open evening/Benmore clash (CF)

- Colm raised that Duddingston Primary School P7s missed Portobello High School open evening for P7s as they were away at Benmore. Next year's St John's P7s are at Benmore the same week so could miss it. Mrs Kelly will inform Portobello High School when P7s are away at Benmore in 2025 to minimise chances of a clash.

7. ASDA Cash Pot (KG)

- Katy advised that we now have over £400 in the cash pot. Parentkind have been in touch with Kirsty to confirm bank details for payment (expected springtime). **ACTION** -Katy to contact Parentkind to finalise.

8. Class Allocations (LL)

- Some of the P1/2 parents are curious to know how the classes will change next year and what pupils will be moved back. Mrs Kelly confirmed the class provision is sent in February so they will know more at this point.

9. Replacements for Claire (Fundraiser) and Colm (Treasurer) (LL)

- Laura confirmed that we have now assembled a fundraising committee. Many thanks to Amy, Fatima and Arianna for volunteering. We are still searching for



a replacement treasurer. Colm to follow up with a parent who had previously shown interest in the role.

10. Fundraising and Events (KG/LL)

- **Christmas Raffle.** Amy Dick/Katy have gathered prizes for the upcoming raffle and Amy is expected to launch this week. Prizes have been very kindly and generously donated from a variety of places and there is a strong focus on local business. The raffle will be imminently launched online and the winners drawn mid-December to allow time for prizes to be distributed.
- **Christmas Outing.** PTA to pay invoice for 50% of the total cost by Sunday 17/11. A reminder to any parents who are yet to pay on Parentpay to do so asap. Please reach out in confidence to the school if you have any issues paying the amount for your child and the school and PTA will endeavour to support.

11. School Christmas Cards – Kerry Minty has advised the cards/mugs will be distributed this week. The PTA extend a huge thanks to Kerry and Mags Minty for organising this!

12. AOB – Kerry Minty raised that car parking is still a big issue and people reversing out onto the main road is frequent, dangerous and shocking. **ACTION** – Katy to discuss with Mrs Kelly what steps we can take going forward to communicate again to the school community that parking on main road is prohibited. *(Please note this action point was raised offline as the teams' call had ended)*

