

Fox Covert Parent Council Meeting Wed 7th February 2024

Attendees:

Douglas Bruce	Head Teacher
Joanne Doddie	Principal Teacher
LesleyAnn Wright	Principal Teacher
Ali Connolly	Chairperson
Joanne Farrell	Co Chairperson
Graham Patrick	Treasury
Allison Warnock	Secretary
Kirsty Campbell	
Louise Duncan	
Amy Howard	
June Morrison	
Caroline Kerr	
Carolyn Costly	
Mhairi Kelly	

Head Teacher report : Douglas Bruce

We are delighted that the hall is back up and running, which means several events can return including assemblies. The projector will be fixed during the Feb break. Gym bars in the hall will be rechecked to see if they can be used by the children. Unfortunately the kitchen is still closed. Ferryhill primary providing hot meals with drum Brae care Home providing these in future.

Staff: PSA recruitment has been successful, and we now have four new members of staff.

For our outdoor learning we are pleading for volunteers. We really need more parental engagement. All the information in in the newsletter.

Parents will be visiting the school to see some of what the children have been learning. There will be visits and more usage of our wonderful Corstorphine hill.

Parents can visit classrooms and the class assemblies are back with parents/guardians all welcome

Several new families have joined FC – all very welcome.

The dinner ladies have asked to let the parents know that cups of water are provided to all who wants on the tables.

Several new families have joined the community and school, big welcome to them.

The after-school club will stay in the Den till the summer.

Call out to all parents to please not park in the school car park or the entrance to the school at drop off or pick up. Our JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) are working very hard to promote road safety and we need to support the P6 children with their roles.

Active school is starting up again – many clubs are on the go and the children are enjoying them – Karate/football/art/chess/geography/street dance to name a few. Spread the word to all parents. Some clubs the children run but they need an adult in the room. PVG parents could be in the room so need any volunteers to get in touch.

The nativity was fantastic, and all the children and parents enjoyed it.

Principal Teacher: Lesley-Ann Wright:

The online learning journals have been active for P1/P4/P7 – unfortunately there have only been 18 responses to the journals. By the end of March, the whole school will be involved with the online learning journals. They will focus on literacy and writing but the school really needs feedback.

Asking all class reps to push reminders on class list and facebook.

Principal Teacher: Joanne Doddie:

The wildlife garden will be a focus over the next few months. The children along with support (hopefully some parent gardening experts out there) are looking to improve local spaces. Fencing will be created & will become a teaching space. A company called Earth Calling are hoping to be involved and help with the poly tunnels, for flowers & fruit/veg. Plea to all parents to help in any way they can. Even if anyone could donate fruit trees/plants.

Money will be needed for materials & labour.

Treasurer: Graham Patrick

2024 bus for Lagganlia £1,400 – this has been paid an invoice is needed.

Support for Maths – funds needed a request has been put in.

Restricted funds: £2,300

Donation : £1,000

Fundraising team: Kirsty Cassidy:

The trees at the back of the school between the outer path and the main road need to be cut – unfortunately that falls under the school budget.

Having a fundraising bake sale on Friday 22nd March before the Easter holidays – help and support needed. Bake or help out on the day.

A soft toy tombola is being organised more information will be available from the fundraising team soon.

A parent social evening event is also in the planning – race night/quiz night ... TBC

Amazon wish list suggested by a parent – order small gifts on amazon (art/sport materials) donate to school.

Looking for more fundraising ideas and if anyone wants to help please get in touch.

General issues:

Indoor shoes being sent home before the mid-term to check all ok – please have them back on return to school.

Plastic Free Friday is back on – send your child's snack in without plastic.