# Tarves Primary School PTA / School Council Update Meeting

# Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2021 7pm – ZOOM Call

#### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Present**: L.McKinney, A.Best, G.Newlands, J.Moir, J.McBeath, L.Conn, L.Mackay, R.Sleigh, E.Smalley, S.Barr & M.Jamieson

#### Apologies: Loretta Ross

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome	
	LMc addressed the meeting and thanked all for attending and passed on apologies.	INFO
2	Financial Report	
	Bank balance - £3,920.24 in the SC/PTA account as of 23/11/21.	INFO
	Income since last meet - £390.57 (£72 Ragbag and £319 Plant Stall)	
	Outgoings - £1023.20 (£552 Forest School, £52 tennis ball & £420 Christmas Gifts).	
	Money to be given to help school garden fund - amount TBC by Emma Liddell. LC to check and revert.	
	Online banking sorted out and committee agreed payments can now be done via bank transfer to save hassle of cheques and signatures.	
	<b>POST MEETING NOTE</b> : Some items still need to be paid out for the forest school, gifts	
	and prizes, however this will in the main be offset by monies coming in from rag bags	
	and expected Cauliflower Christmas cards monies received.	LC
3	Matters arising from previous minutes:	
	NTR	INFO
4	<b>Fundraising</b> L.Mack organising Christmas themed lucky square sheet for adults (£5 a square) with	
	150 lucky squares. A smaller version for kids. (50p a square) with 200 lucky squares	INFO
	in total was being planned for.	
	L.Mack to update on final prizes with Aberdeenshire Larder and fish van vouchers	
	already in the bag for adult prizes.	
	Also sourced items for Xmas games - guess number of sweets and Percy pig birthday	
	for 20p a shot. P7 will support with these in school. Agreed that future fundraising	
	plans i.e beetle drive/summer fete etc cannot be planned for at moment until the	Mack
5	new year and see what is feasible with whatever restrictions allow. School Council	LMack
	Mrs Conn gave an update on the school issues.	LC
	<u>COVID-19 Update</u>	
	<ul> <li>No change to existing restrictions,</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Cases are rising in the school after a quiet period,</li> </ul>	

• J.McBeath is COVID-19 Coordinator and helps families with C-19 regulations etc.

#### Warn & Inform letters

• School protocol to send out to class only if positive case. Track & Trace then deal with closer contacts out with school.

#### **Clothing Donations/Hardship Fund**

- Had huge amount of donations so can pause with pushing for donations for the moment. Being accessed by lots of families.
- PTA/SC have a hardship fund in place applications forms can be found on the school website and sent to LC.

#### Forest School

- The forest school is currently ongoing and being used by all class groups,
- J.McBeath leading initiative and will be fully qualified soon,
- J.McBeath had organised a photo session to raise money for PTA for Xmas photos - good uptake for session being held. £2.50 per pic or £10 for 5. POST MEETING NOTE – This was cancelled due to damage caused by storm Arwyn.
- With playgroup now closing, the outdoor area will continue to be used for Forest school and potentially some appropriate resources from playgroup will be utilised.
- Feedback has been great/positive from parents and children,

#### <u> Parents evening –</u>

Aiming for face to face meetings but if not possible, the next meeting will be google classroom as it's a longer session of 10 mins.

#### Google Classroom

- Going to be used for updates on class info,
- Also if children are off due to C-19 and 10 day isolation, work will be provided for each individual child to keep up to date if fit and able to complete.

# School Trips

• All trips are still being planned for next year but still too early to say whether will go ahead or not.

# Dalguise School Trip

• P7 parents can access the hardship fund if required to help with payments. Also Parish Funds are being accessed for household goods required i.e. white goods etc. Abernessities charity is also being used for other requirements.

# Literacy support

 the school is working from what is called a 'recovery curriculum' after covid and reading is the main focus throughout the school. Homework ethos is being reviewed and will be communicated in the New Year. For younger year groups (p1/2) weekly phonics being worked on will be sent home for parents to help with any additional support required.

6.	After School Sports LC has been in contact with Aberdeenshire Live Life Active and they may help get assistance with a football coach regarding a potential secondary school pupil. Still TBC. Anna Best (AB) volunteering and starting tennis sessions in Tarves on a Wednesday and Gill Newlands (GN) getting netball started on a Monday. Links for these activities can be found on the Aberdeenshire Active Schools webpage.	INFO
7	AOCB Sports Equipment/voucher - L. Conn to review PE equipment and revert with what the voucher should be used for to support the school sports curriculum. Christmas plans - update via school newsletter. Plenty being organised with virtual panto, Christmas sing along, lunch and jumper day & parties. Snacks to be provided by PTA for panto day – with L.Conn to confirm dates and amount required.	INFO
8	Future/Upcoming school Related Activities Nothing planned due to COVID 19 Restrictions.	
9	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b> Fundraiser catch up meeting on 8th Feb 2022 and PTA meeting on 8th March.	