



Annual General Meeting

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WINKDYKNOWE PS

DATE: Tuesday 13th June 2023

TIME: 6.00PM

VENUE: In school

ATTENDEES – SCHOOL	APOLOGIES
Mrs Angus	William Boyle MSP
Ms Norquoy	Rhona Tait
ATTENDEES – PARENT / CARERS	
Donna McLeary	
Lynsey Stein	
Helen Thompson	
Pauline Stafford MSP	

Introductions and Apologies

Apologies read out

Agenda Points Submitted

1. Parents concerned over the cost of the P5 school camp (2024) – Families will be supported and have been given time to pay the trip over the year.
2. Can a questionnaire be put out to parents/carers to ask if they would like to move Victoria Day to allow children to be off the after the gala day? - Mrs Angus will send a questionnaire out however the results will need to be passed onto the council and consultation with teachers included.
3. Praise passed onto the people who organised the P7 leavers hoodies.
4. We have signed up for the Wildlife Trust for free flower seeds.
5. Concerns over the safety of the building works while the children are still in the premises? All risk assessments have been done and the Head of Service as well as Site Managers have been out to assess the situation with Mrs Angus and Ms Norquoy completing walk throughs and weekly meetings.
6. Any update on the signage for the turning circle? Lynsey has said there was a parent helper from the float who has a business that deals with signs/posters and she will contact him for information and feedback.
7. Are children able to fill up their water bottles in school or do they have to bring in two water bottles? Children can fill up their water bottles from the kitchen throughout the day if needed.
8. Can we find out why the sports day times were changed after an email was already sent out with confirmed times? Due to the building work, there is limited space for the amount of parents/carers that attend sports day and to allow everyone to attend the times were amended. Also to let P7 buddies support P1 children.
9. P5 trip – When will parents receive photos/report on the trip and the communication that was sent out didn't work, there was no explanation as to what this was for? For the camp, a morning message was sent out with the explanation of having no internet. On the second day, another message was sent out, plus a message saying the group was leaving the camp. There has been no evaluation for any school trips given to parents/carers.



Actions

- Lynsey S to contact parent from float committee to look at signage for turning circle.

Future Dates:

- Monday 28th August 2023
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023
- Thursday 30th November 2023
- Monday 29th January 2024
- Thursday 16th May 2024

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Head Teacher's Report**

Last day of term

Thank you to our amazing PSA who have organised an ice cream van for the last day of term so that every child can have an ice cream.

Procession

Huge thank you to our procession committee for all of the hard work they put into designing and building the float this year. It looked fantastic. The children (and adults) had a great time

Cost of the School Day

In our recent parent ethos survey 77% of parents were positive about how well the school is ensuring it is helping to reduce day to day school costs which means 23% are not feeling that as a school we do. Based on this information Mrs Angus asked for a discussion around the cost of the school day. Should we consider reducing the number of trips? Should we explore local trips? What are thoughts on school camp twice at primary? It was agreed that a form will be issued to find out more information from more parents on ways we can support.

School Fund Update

Statement on 29th April –Balance - £42,486.73

Outgoings £23,783.13

Comprising of: Lendrick Muir, Fordell Firs, Windyknowe PSA for float, Five Sisters Zoo, fitness focus, foods for cooking classes, sports event buses, academy bus, IT subscriptions, day trip subsidies

This leaves £18,703.60

A financial report will be shared with all parents in August.

P2-4 Show – Kingdom of Rights

The most recent show was a roaring success. The children, once again, did us all proud. The response from the audience was so uplifting and everyone enjoyed it. Our teachers put so much work into these productions and give up their own time to offer an evening performance to parents who can't manage



during the day. We are so lucky to have the team around us that we have.

School Sports

Arrangements are slightly different this year as per groupcall communicated. We have to put safety first and we have considered all options to get to the decision we are at.

Camps for next session

Due to the success of Lendrick Muir and Fordell Firs this year, we are offering both again next year. We have sent information to parents and carers already to give them plenty of time to pay for camps in May.

Building Work and Plans for 2023/24

As you will be aware our nursery is off site at the moment with a planned return for Summer 2024. Work is going on in this area. Safety is of paramount importance. Regular meetings are taking place between HT and site manager and we are all working well together to manage the situation.

Transition

Plans for transition are ready for tomorrow and the rest of the week. We look forward to welcoming our new P1s and seeing our children in their new classes with their new teacher (s) so that they know what to expect in August. Enhanced transition has also been put in place for children who need a little bit of reassurance.

Health and Fitness Focus

Children have been fully involved in the planning for the last three weeks of term to include healthy eating, fitness activities and outdoor learning. We know there's going to be lots of fun. Over the next few weeks we have: Windyknowe's Got Talent, Ready, Steady, Cook, Teddy Bear's picnic. P2 trip and P7 trip, PSA disco (if they manage to recruit 12 volunteers) transition, sports day, nursery garden party

Parent Ethos Survey

Thank you to everyone who took time to respond to this. This was generally very positive overall – 70% positive and above for each question (other than 1). There were 137 responses from parents. A few themes have come out from this which we will work on with parent support:

Parents would like more information on progress of learning – 79% were positive

Parents would like to be more involved in family learning events – 70% were positive

Parents would like their views and opinions to be sought when making changes 78% were positive

Only 63% of parents feel that the school deals with any bullying which is very disappointing.

As a parent council what suggestions would you make for us to take forward as a school? This was discussed and it was agreed that a form should be sent to all parents to find out more about ways this can be improved.

