



**ST. DOMINIC'S RCPS & ELC
Parent Council Meeting**

LOCATION: St Dominic's RCPS & ELC School Hall
and via Teams
DATE: Wednesday 17/01/2024 18.00 pm

**St Dominic's RC Primary
Early Learning & Childcare**
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PRESENT:

Alice Crowley (AC)
Ashley King (AK)
Louise Chisholm (LC)
Joanne Day (JD)
Tracey Wright (TW)
Deidre Scott (DS)

Canon Shields (CS)
Mrs Hunter (LH)
Mrs Gornall (FG)
Alice Crowley (AC)

APOLOGIES:

Katie Speedie (KT)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Zoe Collins (ZC)
Kevin Maxwell (KM)
Christie Thomson (CT)
Emma McIntyre (EM)
Zoe Collins (ZC)
Susanna Murdoch (ZM)
Maria Beck (MB)

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1	<p>Opening Prayer Thank you, Canon Shields, for our opening prayer to begin the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p>	AK
3.	<p>Previous Minutes The Minutes of the previous Parent Council meeting have been published and were agreed by all members.</p>	AK
4.	<p>Topics -</p>	
5.	<p>Historical funds £1991.22 Following consultation at the last meeting proposed spending as follows-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1, Nativity outfits £155.84 2, Voxblock £100 to purchase another one 3, Healthy hearts speaker session for every class £300 4, Tennis session x2 for every class with Magda £330 5, Discovery zone materials £350 6, Update big cat books £200 <p>TOTAL £1,435.84 BALANCE £555.38</p> <p>Communications to go out to the parents to agree/object to proposed spending. Objections to be raised by Fri 15/02/24</p>	AK

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6.	<p>ROAD SAFETY UPDATE</p> <p>X 4 emails sent by Ashley King to council contact Daryl Mckeown asking for an update as to when proposed measures will be undertaken? No reply.</p> <p>Mrs Hunter had a reply from the council on 19/12/23 which stated that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1, A pedestrian handrail can only be placed on the school side of the road.2, A pair of temporary speed cushions may be put in place.3, A camera may be placed on top of the existing traffic lights to provide evidence of drivers running lights.4, Time given during green light to cross the road increased.5, Zigzag lines to be repainted.6, Fake policeman already in place. <p>Further proposal from parent council members included appealing to Tayside contracts to either provide another crossing guard outside the school or move the existing crossing guard from Burrell Street to Broich Road.</p>	AK/LH

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7.	<p>SDC PC STRUCTURE</p> <p>Louise Barnett will be standing down due to work commitments. Many thanks to Louise for all her previous hard work. Alice Crowley has agreed to start taking the minutes from the next meeting.</p> <p>Jen Campbell will also be stepping down. Again many thanks for all previous input to SDC PC.</p>	AK
8.	<p>Fundraising Events</p> <p>The following events are in planning and will be advertised in the usual way.</p> <p>Previous events-</p> <p>1, Beetle Drive 09/11/23 Enjoyed by all who attended but attendance poor, small profit made. Wouldn't do soup/food again as hard to know numbers.</p> <p>2, Christmas fayre 30/11/23 which was held in collaboration with the church after children's mass. £246 profit made.</p> <p>Upcoming events -</p> <p>9th Feb – Quiz in the church hall.</p> <p>Family Ceilidh to be held in collaboration with the church/after childrens mass again. Date to be confirmed. '</p>	AK

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9.	<p>SCHOOL</p> <p>1, The school has begun planning a Christmas fayre for sat 30th Nov to help fundraise a panto/theatre trip for the school.</p> <p>2, A bingo tea is to be held to raise money for CHAS.</p> <p>3, Parents of children currently attending ELC who wish to maintain their place next year if they are not starting school are reminded that they still have to register their children as their place does not automatically roll over to the next year.</p> <p>4, Appeal made to parents to assist their children to carry out any homework given. Teaching staff report that homework is not being completed to previous standards from P1 upwards. Teaching staff report that spelling and reading ability are suffering due to this.</p> <p>5, Appeal to parents to encourage their children to read more by setting reading challenges, attending the library, sharing own books.</p>	LH
10.	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>1, First children's mass will be on Sun 04/02/2024</p> <p>2, First Confession/sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Thursday 14th March.</p> <p>3, The parish intends to hold a fundraising meal in the church hall to raise funds for the restoration of the church hall. Details to follow.</p> <p>4, Any families who's children are not yet baptized or have yet to make their first holy communion are asked by Canon Shields to think about it. He is happy to meet with them to discuss this if they wish to go ahead with it.</p> <p>5, Canon Shields would also like to remind parents to pray with their children.</p>	CS

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11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Issues raised by parents to class reps,</p> <p>School jumpers – Parents have raised concerns about children being told to remove their school jumpers before assembly and having to sit on the cold floor. Many children have complained that they are very cold during/after assembly.</p> <p>Q, Is it school policy to ask children to remove their school jumpers before assembly?</p> <p>A, It is not school policy but has always been the case that children are asked to remove their school jumpers before assembly as the staff feel the hall becomes too hot.</p> <p>Agreed that a ‘common sense’ approach would be adopted for colder days where the hall may be colder for the children sitting on the ground.</p> <p>*Any parents with concerns about this should contact the school directly.</p> <p>School emails – Parents have complained to class reps about the number of emails sent out by the school, especially in families with multiple children who may also receive duplicate emails.</p> <p>Q, Is there any way to streamline/reduce the amount of emails sent.</p> <p>A, No. The emails sent out are all relevant and the current software they use does not allow them to send emails to each family instead of the parents/carers of each child.</p> <p>Sway –</p> <p>Q, Could the Sway include what is happening in the following week as it did shortly before Christmas as positive feedback received from parent/carer forum?</p> <p>A, No. Unfortunately this would be too time consuming. The school calendar is constantly updated and all upcoming events can be found there.</p>	AK
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Date of Next Meeting: 30/04/24 5.30pm in School Hall