

CHIRNSIDE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Catriona Craze (Vice Chair), Julien Lake (Treasurer), Lesley Thomson (Minutes Secretary), Michelle Simpson (Fundraiser), Nick Trussler (Headteacher), Angie Donoghue, Claire Duff, Ashley Young, Joy Hope, Graham Hop

APOLOGIES: Katrina Reynolds, Lorraine Pesarra, Emma Jones

HEADTEACHERS REPORT: www.pictorial.co.uk donated £100 token for Christmas Fair. Mr Trussler handed out HT Update to members present and went through contents.

- 1 Focus Learning week – Children's Personal Learning Plan.
- 2 Improving Learning Update – Critical Reading approaches which will develop a wider range of reading skills for pupils
- 3 Parent Evenings – Planned for Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th November appointments will be sent home Monday 16 November, Mrs Paterson (Kitchen Manager) will be providing samples of school dinners for parents and Whizzkidz After School Care will be present.
- 4 Pupil Learning Council will be gathering pupil's opinions on homework task and Parents will be surveyed at Parents Evenings.
- 5 Curriculum Network Update – Computers in classrooms: software will be updated.
- 6 Building Work – Expected to be completed end of November. A small fire issue has been raised with Fire Department after Contractors failed to inform School of a small fire on the roof, until after the event. The Contractors should have raised the alarm to evacuate the Children but failed to do so.

P7 SWIMMING LESSONS: are underway and attended by all but one child. There is however an issue with the bus that does not turn up on time and constantly has to be contacted. Parent Council have to pay Pool Staff extra for staying late and are looking at a part refund from Bus Company.

COMMUNICATIONS: New Parent Council e-mail address is up and running (Chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk) will be put on Facebook Page, School Website and in next Newsletter. Facebook is working better. Parents are looking for more communication from school with regard to Tracking Sheets – Mr Trussler reassured everyone that any issue with any child the parents would be informed by himself or class teacher.

FOOTBALL COACHING: Nothing came back after Mr Trussler filled in online form. It was suggested that a second form should be completed.

INTERNET SAFETY: The Crucial Crew attend School to inform pupils of Internet safety and it was suggested that they could possibly do an Evening Workshop for parents to help them manage Internet safety at home.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Some parents are disappointed with pictures. It was suggested that perhaps a different company could be used next year. Possibly could get some other companies to come to (March) Parent Evening with some samples for Parents to see.

Christmas Cards designed by Children did not raise enough interest to be a viable money raiser.

ROLES OF COMMITTEE: The roles of Committee Members was circulated and everyone ok with what was expected of them.

FUNDRAISING

Outdoor Play – There are so many rules and regulations for this that it is causing some problems. Lottery Funding cannot be pursued, as Schools are Local Authority.

If Pupil Council designed something for creative play we may have more luck if the children have done it themselves.

HALLOWEEN: Went very well. The only issue was that one child had a hurt head and parents had not been informed although child had spoken to an adult. It might be an idea for next year if Parent Council T-shirts were worn.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Michelle took over and went through list. Looking good everything seems to be covered and everyone knows what he or she is doing. Mr Trussler said we could have the hall from 11am on day of fair.

AOB: Concerns were raised that at a recent Cub Service none of the Children knew the National Anthem. Mr Trussler informed that it has never been on Curriculum.

Police speed checks are done regularly at front of school. Thoughts are that more signs would be an idea as speeding is a problem.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 23 November at 7pm to run through Christmas Fair progression.

Lesley Thomson
Minutes Secretary