

Llanhari Primary Parent Council

"Together we
care, share
and achieve"



Please find below a copy of the minutes from our Parent Council meeting. Parent council members are happy to raise any questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to them about any issues raised in these minutes.

Minutes of meeting - 21st May 2018

Present: Gareth Emery (Class 6), Nisha Price (Class 3+7), Vicky Morrow (Class 3+4), Lynne Hill (Class 4+6),

Apologies: Claire Hunt (Class 3+4), Jodie Gibbons (Class 5),

Agenda:

- New Lockdown Policy
- Vision evening
- Successful elements of the school
- Questions from parents

New Lockdown Policy

The school has had to produce a lockdown policy. All schools have had to think of their procedures in the event that the building needs to be put in 'lockdown'. This could be for a number of reasons for example, a loose animal, an angry visitor or (let's hope it never happens) a terrorist attack. This of course is a worst case scenario but at least we have a plan in place should it happen. We have completed this with the support of our police liaison officer who has had training in supporting schools in putting these measures in place. We will be trying a few different drills with the children next half term, without telling them exactly why we are doing this - please support us with this. The children will be told they are fire drills.

Vision Evening

The parent council, children and staff have been working on developing new values and a vision for our school. The parent council have been looking at the values we would like our children to have as well as looking at the new curriculum for Wales. We will be pulling all this work together at a twilight 'Vision evening' on June 26th at 6pm. All parents and children are invited to join us, along with staff and governors. During the evening we will be voting on our 6 core values and rewriting our vision statement to reflect the new curriculum for Wales.

Successful elements of the school

Parents were asked to bring to the meeting any positive elements that they think the school does well. These included:

- Roller skating taster session

- The scooter bus

Questions from parents

Parent council members raised a number of questions and discussed issues of concern:

- Telephone: Why is the school telephone constantly engaged?
School response: If you ring into school and it is engaged you need to leave a space of time before you try and ring again as the answer phone message is still playing - even though you have put the phone down. You can be stuck in a constantly engaged loop if you immediately press redial or call back on your phone.
- PE: Why have some classes PE sessions stopped?
School response: As year 3 and 4 are now going swimming, this counts as a PE session. These classes should be having one PE lesson and one swimming lesson each week. During the summer term it is a good idea to leave PE kit in school as we may change our PE days to make the most of the good weather.
- Change of date: Why were we given late notice of the change of date for Class 3 assembly?
School response: a few weeks' notice was given. Class assemblies are pencilled in the diary for the year in advance. However, timetabling clashes sometimes occur and we have to alter dates. We try to let parent's know as soon as possible.
- Text messages: Why are school text messages coming through from random numbers?
School response: This is out of our control and a change made by the text service we subscribe to.
- After school activities: Can we have more activities for younger pupils?
School Response: We now have a link with the 'Hapi' project who will be providing a lot more activities in school for all ages. Zumba for all ages starts after half term. Parents are invited to our coffee morning on 6th June to request activities for themselves and the children.
- Gates: Can the gates be kept open after 9:05am for children who are late?
School response: No. School starts at 9am, the bell is rung at 8:55am, staff are on duty from 8:50am. If your child is late they will have to go around and enter through the car park gate or alternatively arrive on time!

Next meeting:

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th July 2018