

PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2019/2020 school term from the Pendoylan School Parent Council, issued to update all members of the school community on the work and efforts of the Parent Council, future suggestions and general information.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING

- The Homework policy was discussed in detail and amendments agreed with Mrs Vaughan. The policy will be available to parents on request and placed on the website.
- The ability to pay for trips and events through parent pay/online is being explored by the school.
- Nativity plays: Parts are awarded to pupils based on confidence levels and ability as determined by their class teams. Staff work hard to include all pupils.
- Costumes: The council will support classes to link with those above to share costumes. If you no longer need a costume, please bring into school or pass to your class rep and we will create a borrowing library for future years.
- PE - the need to use the school hall for rehearsals has meant a loss of PE lessons but we are assured that additional outside play is factored in.

COSTUMES

Please pass on all nativity costumes no longer needed to school or your class rep.

HWB

Parent council hope to link with school to run information sessions for parents on how to support our children with the hwb. HWB is the digital platform for learning and teaching in Wales on which homework will be set in the future.

Parent Council Members

Chair	Nicola Teague
Nursery	Erica Surcombe Sophie Grandfield
Reception	Ella Morgan Sian Parker-Hornsey
Year 1	Kate Fleet Jess O'Keefe
Year 2	Jo /Pete Griffiths Sally Lloyd
Year 3	Lucy Smith Nicola Teague
Year 4	Rachel Martin Sue Fowler
Year 5	Katie Dobson
Year 6	Jane Boon Lucy Smith

Council aims to support

A welcoming, self-improving school for all pupils & parents

Partnership between school, parents & carers.

Engage parents to support the education & welfare of pupils.

Identify & represent the views of parents on matters affecting pupils education & welfare.

To listen to parents & report back on activities & discussions.

Ensure all parents are able to express their views & wishes

If you have any serious issues or concerns please contact the head or your class teacher directly. You can talk to teachers at drop off or pick-up or telephone the school & request a call back during a suitable time.

Updates from council meeting with Mrs Vaughan

There will be a parents evening the week beginning 20th January

There is a current focus on expressive wellbeing and the arts within school. The staff are prioritising mental wellbeing with a second staff member being trained to provide ELSA (emotional literacy support), All staff will be accessing training on ACEs (Adverse childhood events) and the trauma informed schools programme.

Whilst the feedback from year 6's mindfulness in schools sessions was positive, this will not be continued due to the cost. The school council are aware of alternative mindfulness for children groups outside of school which could be accessed.

Mrs Vaughan talked about the school as a learning organisation and the new teaching and leadership roles that staff are expected to fulfil.



Have you ever wondered
what a Shine day is?

Shine week/day is a way of providing additional enrichment/ experiences for children within a chosen focus. During the week children across the age groups can experience workshops either provided by in house staff or outside providers relating to the theme but as exciting and engaging as possible. In addition it is often a great way to get children to try new things.

THANKYOU

A Huge thank you to Mrs Teague and team for the kitchen science workshop and packs. Lots of fun was had in our homes.....lemon volcanoes and slime being particular favourites!



For further details on any of these please speak with your class rep or Mrs Vaughan directly.