

Crawforddyke Helping Hands

October update

2020





Treasury update

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October Balance: £4,268.03
(Bank £4,168.03 / Petty Cash £100.00)

Halloween costs still to be finalised

Since our AGM we have donated £2,000 to school to support various purchases including Christmas craft items for each class and the nursery. This also helped to support refunds for Lockerbie trip whilst school were waiting for the funds back from SLC. Once received this will be used on items as discussed at the AGM.





Chair Update

Chair Update – Roads & safety

Items still in discussion to be taken forward with regards to our roads safety work...

- **New Parent / Carer Survey:** Engaging people – information gathering on travel and safety. (Information for us not council stats) – **Draft in progress**
Clear explanation of why we are doing it / continues previous work helping us to better understand the issues / looking for people to help us.
- **JRSO presentation: Benefits of walking** - Adapt for Parent & Carer audience. Make more hard hitting / using FB page for regular snippets and information sharing. Put out on school app where appropriate to.




- **Pick up times** – Should we be calling the pick up / drop off a car park?. – **School Janitor has been manning the gate at pick up times as discussed at the meeting. Ongoing review and messaging to parents regarding this.**
- **Design and purchase a new banner for entrances** – Harder hitting / taking advantage of Facebook page



Chair Update – Roads & Safety

Council actions outstanding - Crawforddyke Primary School Road Safety – email sent to follow up on the below actions, still waiting to hear back, given the current situation and SLC concentrating on other issues LM to follow up in the next couple of weeks.

Measure	Progress	Timescale
Traffic Calming proposals for Glenafeoch Road. / Part time 20mph mandatory speed limit for Glenafeoch Road.	<p>Due to the recorded vehicle speeds, consideration was being given to replacing the existing give way junction controls at Parkandaroch Crescent and Angus Road with mini-roundabouts. This will reduce traffic speeds as drivers on all approaches to the junctions will be required to slow down and be prepared to give way to traffic.</p> <p>Should this be implemented, a further speed survey will be undertaken once the roundabouts are in place and if vehicle speeds are reduced sufficiently a part-time 20mph speed limit will be introduced on Glenafeoch Road. In the event of speeds not being reduced, other measures such as horizontal traffic calming (road narrowing/priority vehicles) will also be considered.</p>	<p>Update required</p> 
Relocate 20's Plenty Signs to junction of Glencoe Road	Instruction issued to contractor	To be complete by 15/11/19 (awaiting ladder training) – Not actioned
Relocate Vehicle Activated Sign on Eastfield Road	Instruction issued to contractor – Some works noted, but post reinstated as was	Sign post relocated – awaiting sign erection – Not actioned

Email also sent to council regarding bollard options for access path / road off of Glenafeoch Road – pending update.



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Fundraising Update

Fundraising Focus

- **Playground Markings** – Lesley Mooney looking into this and compiling a number of options to compare and look into.
 - Uni-play - brochure received
 - <https://riggott.co.uk/school-playground-lining/> - brochure received
 - <https://tpdal.co.uk/brochure/> - brochure received.
 - <https://www.first4playgrounds.co.uk/playground-markings-scotland/> - enquiry sent and brochure is coming out in the post
- Christine Gracie looking into options for **Big lottery funding** and how to apply if this is a possible option – pending feedback.
- **Class / nursery donations** – No donations this year as there has been plenty of spend towards school items for use in classes.
- **Natural play area – Bark chippings.** Michael was looking into this, however his contact hasn't come through. So we still need to look into this on behalf of the school. **Any volunteers welcomed!**



Fundraising Focus

Sept – Oct (Halloween)

Halloween - Treats not tricks this year with all children receiving a goodie bag. There will be a dress up (dress down day) and an outdoor activity for all too.

Preparations are going well, and Caroline and Mary are finalising the plans with just a few more things to source for the goodie bags. These will contain an activity book and some sweeties (We have been in communication with Tesco to receive some freebies, but this is still to be confirmed)

A scavenger hunt is also being planned and decorations and plans for this are ongoing, hopefully a lot of the prep will be completed by the end of the October break.

Help may be required with regards to setting up the outdoor scavenger hunt and if anyone has any decorations that they can donate for use that will be very much appreciated (please do be mindful that they are for outdoor use). Please contact Caroline and Mary if you can assist.

We have also promoted the Gala committees window decoration competition - details were posted on their Facebook page and on our group page too. [Click here](#)

Nov – Dec (Christmas)

- **Christmas cards** – Lynn Kerr is taking this forward this year and has received all the stuff through.
- **Class crafts for sale** – funds donated to support the cost of purchasing craft items.
- **Christmas fundraising** to be taken forward will be Recipe book – looking for sponsorship from local business etc. Further details and plans to be discussed at our November Meeting (4th November)



Fundraising Focus

We need to be considering options for fundraising going forward – this will be tabled at our November meeting

Non event fundraising ideas to look into as follows:

- Easy Fundraising – online shopping
- Others £100 club
- School Lottery
- Go fund me

Jan – Feb Valentine

Valentines:

Disco – may be possible at this time.

Need to ensure if not what we can do instead:

Virtual Bake off – valentine themed cakes

Mar –Apr Sponsor event

Sponsored event ideas:

- Bounce 'a' thon
- Litter pick – ties in with eco schools
- Step 'a' thon / Collective step challenge
- Sponsored Silence / skips / jumps
- Dance 'a' thon

Hopefully less restrictions in place – need to review as we know more.





Headteacher update

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We have spent the first half of this term focusing strongly on learning recovery, ensuring our children feel happy and safe and getting used to all of the new guidelines around Covid-19. These have been extensive and ever-changing, but the pupils have taken them in their stride and we are amazed at how willingly they have accepted them! From bubbles, to outdoor PE, to virtual assemblies and 'walking on the left', they have literally accepted everything we have thrown at them, making our jobs so much easier.

Perhaps our biggest challenge is the change facing us in our Nursery. This week we will say goodbye to Eleanor, Lynda and Aileen. They have been a huge part of our nursery for over 2 decades and they will leave a massive hole! Erin McGranahan and Lauren Hill will join us after October. Erin was with us for her apprenticeship, so she knows us well (and still agreed to come back!)

We are looking forward to the rest of the term, however. We still plan to host our annual Christmas events, including our lunch and Christmas parties (albeit, with physical distance and bubbles!) We don't want our children to miss out anymore!

From October 19th, masks will also become mandatory for staff in corridors, communal areas and the canteen: something else our children will need to get used to. We appreciate that most parents are also wearing their masks when dropping off and collecting their children, but there are still some not doing to this and not socially distancing. It is important they realise they are contravening government guidelines, not a simple request from the school.

We are delighted that school will be closed for only 1 week in October. That said, the children and staff really do deserve this break. It has been a whirlwind start to our term and they have been superheroes, every one of them!



Our next meeting will be help online on Wednesday 4th November.

Your attendance is appreciated as we will be looking to review the Halloween activities and onward fundraising opportunities as well as feedback on our progress with the road's safety work.

Link to a teams meeting will be issued in due course.

Please do contact Caroline and/or Mary if you can offer any assistance with the set up of our Halloween scavenger activity and provision of decorations.

If you have anything else to add following this update, please can you get in touch either email me or message on our FB page

Thanks for all the support to date.

Lesley ☺



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