

**St Luke's C. of E. Primary School Parent Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held 21/03/2025**  
**Attending:**

**Staff:**

Dan Bates (Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo)  
Hannah Jones (Office Admin)

**Parents:**

(Class rep Yr R) Sarah Mehanna (Class rep Yr 1) (Class rep Yr 2) (Class rep Yr 3) (Class rep Yr 4) Cathy Wigley (Class rep Yr 5) (Class rep Yr 6D) Lisa Cresswell (Class rep Yr 6L)	(Line parent Yr R) (Line parent Yr 1) (Line parent Yr 2) (Line parent Yr 3) (Line parent Yr 4) (Line parent Yr 5) (Line parent Yr 6D) (Line parent Yr 6L)
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**Agenda:**

1. Matters arising from previous meeting Nov 2024
2. Cost of school trips
3. Parent Survey Results
4. School Finance
5. Items from Class Reps
6. A.O.B

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. Mr Bates welcomed the parents to the Parent Council meeting.

**2. COST OF SCHOOL TRIPS**

- 2.1. Costs increase all the time - finances in the public sector are not great so the maximum cost of trips will have to be raised from £18 to £20. The school cannot afford to subsidise to trips the degree we have so far.
- 2.2. PPG children will be able to use their additional funding to help with costs towards these trips.

**3. PARENT SURVEY RESULTS**

- 3.1. DB shared the results of the Parent Survey, highlighting some of the positives and areas for improvement. 100% of parents that answered the survey would recommend St Luke's to others.

- 3.2. DB took some time to follow up on feedback
- 3.3. Re: alleyway and Elm Rd rec - it is not within the school's remit to deal with problems in the Elm Road rec and alley however we have been engaging with local groups and the council regarding the alleyway that runs down the side of the school to improve safety and cleanliness.
- 3.4. Wraparound care/clubs timetables - we are endeavouring to get them coordinated so that parents can decide on their ASC and school clubs at the same time and not hope they can get clubs and not miss out of ASC.
- 3.5. Reception clubs - it was commented there were not enough clubs for Reception - DB highlighted that as they are so young, get so tired and in the past there has not been a take up. There is however a new Playball club starting after half term.
- 3.6. Re: behaviour and discipline: we have high expectations for our children and we expect a certain level of behaviour from our children. On the whole we feel the balance is about right.
- 3.7. Parents commented that they appreciated the level of expectation, discipline and management of behaviour. They appreciate the clear boundaries and expectations within the school, right down to starting in Nursery and Reception with red and green choices.

#### **4. SCHOOL FINANCE**

- 4.1. You should have received an email about the state of the school finances this week. Costs to the school have increased significantly in relation to the funding given by the government.
- 4.2. We are asking parents to provide pen, pencils, glue sticks etc.
- 4.3. Some of the best ways to help the school are via the School Fund: which is vital for additional funds; sign up for gift aid; remind parents to pay for trips as much as they are able. If we don't have enough payments for trips, finances will determine whether we can carry on with these.
- 4.4. A parent asked if the school could create a list for KS1 parents to know what needs to be donated. DB/HJ to follow up.

#### **5. ITEMS FROM CLASS REPS**

- 5.1. Though this is an issue that needs to be decided by the PFA. CW was able to give good insight into the reasoning and need for cake sales.
- 5.2. Cake sale alternatives - the attendance at events put on by the PFA had dramatically dropped and so cake sales are the biggest fundraiser for the PFA. There needs to be a decent alternative in order to get the same amount raised.
- 5.3. The demographic of the school has changed and this, along with covid, has caused the biggest drop in fundraising as in person events are not well attended.
- 5.4. You could trial fruit sales etc but there was no appetite for it when it was tried in the past. People were not buying fruit when it was offered.
- 5.5. One parent asked if one cake on a Friday is really that bad? And it is a parent's choice, they can say no to their children if that's not an option they want their children to have. Parents have a choice to bring healthier options to any cake sale.