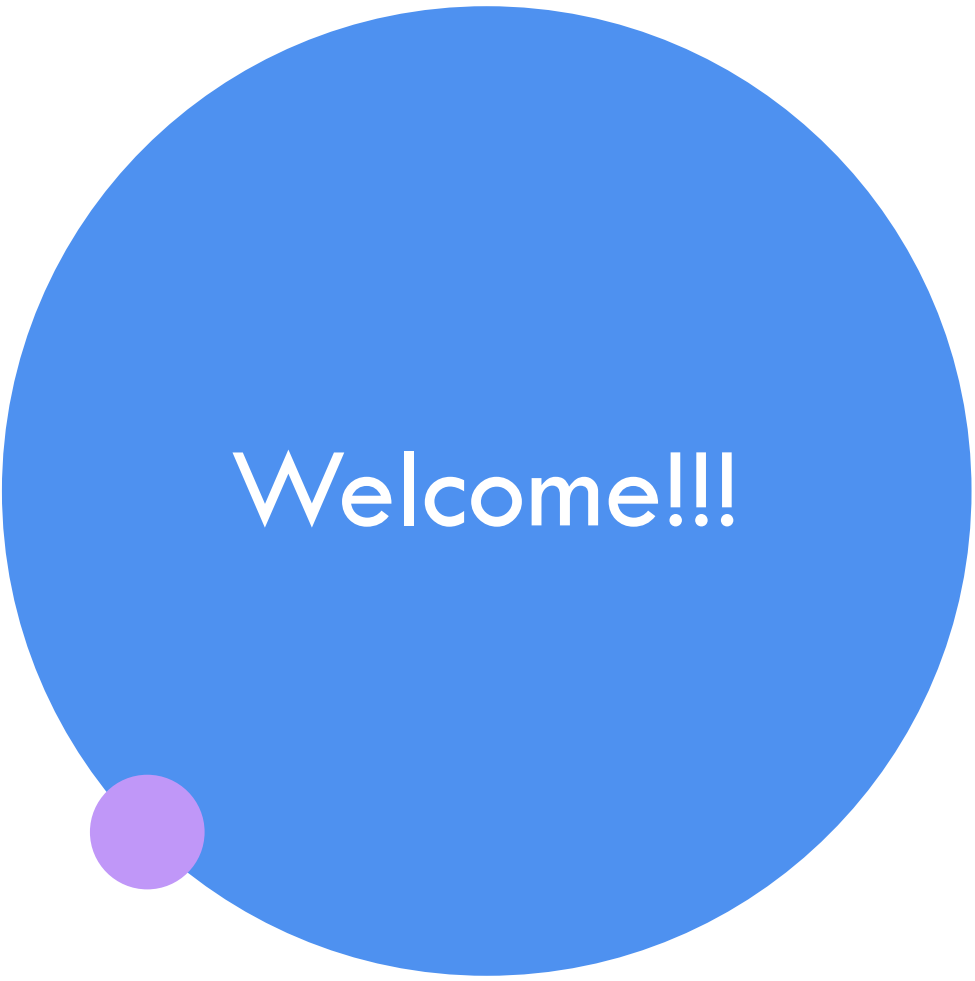




# St Margaret's Parent Council/PTA Meeting

12.06.2024



# Welcome!!!

## **Agenda**

- Welcome and apologies

## **Head teacher update**

- A summary of SIP priorities
- 2024/2025 budget

## **Parent Council/PTA Update**

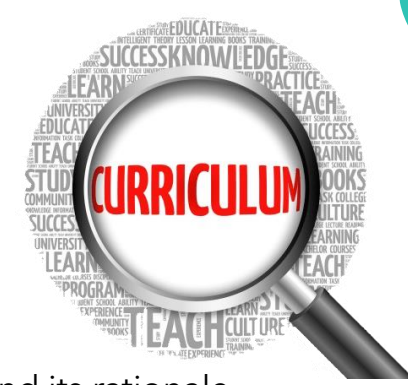
- Falkirk Council engagement re: change in school hours
- Feedback from parental survey
- Fundraising summary for 2023/2024
- Treasurer's report
- Spending 2023/2024 so far and planned
- Plea for help
- AOB



# Head Teacher

Update

# School improvement



- We spent session 23/24 hosting professional discussions and debate around our current curriculum and its rationale.
- In February 2024 we reviewed at our curriculum with a **literacy mastery lens**, linking to our **Talk for Writing** methodology and the associated spine novels. We then developed progressive themes to ensure breadth and depth of learning, learning for sustainability as well as relevance through our unique school community, looking across the curriculum and levels.
- We now want to ensure increased **learner agency** and **pupil voice** in curriculum along with curriculum develops **social justice, racial literacy, diversity** and **Children's Rights**.

### In session 23/24:

- DHT has been developing her understanding of Racial Literacy (CLPL) throughout session 23/24 and is ready to share this with the staff team.
- HT has attended Education Scotland's CLPL around curriculum innovation and design in session 23/24 and is focusing on learner agency within the curriculum.
- PT has been developing her understanding of Literacy Mastery with a view to supporting staff to plan for engagement, progression and coherence.
- Our approach to making learning visible (school vision and aims), T4W methodology, STEAM and Literacy Mastery remain our key drivers for curriculum innovation in session 24/25, as well as meeting all learner's needs through our curriculum.

# School Improvement



## 2. Up to date professional learning around ASN

- Following an **significant increase of children experiencing ASN (25%) within the school** (ASD/ADHD/Trauma, mental health) and **15% of those being stage 3**, there is a need to review the latest research into a range of ASN and consider the implications for this in St Margaret's, taking into consideration **our unique environment and it's community**.
- There is a need to creatively consider how we can meet an **increasing number of stage 3 pupils, with complex needs**, who are struggling with their emotions, our open plan environment and this is impacting on learner engagement and progress.
- Currently, a **significant amount of management time** is dedicated to supporting learners who are not coping in our mainstream classroom. We **do not have enough support staff** in school to compete with the level of support needed.
- In session 23/24:
- PT has undertaken Sleep Scotland training with a particular focus on children with ASD.
- DHT has been developing her understanding of whole school issues relating to social justice and racial literacy.
- DHT and SFLT have attended Decider Skills training with a view to sharing with staff and then with P6 & P7 pupils.
- HT has attended 'Safe and Together' training (Domestic violence) and 'SCERTS' training as well as multiple sessions around ASN through Excellence in Headship/other.
- SFLT has been developing skills and knowledge around trauma informed practice and nurture.

# The budget





# Parent Council / PTA

Update



# Falkirk Council Engagement

- 2,105 submissions so far on Participate+

## Feedback from parental survey / pizza evening

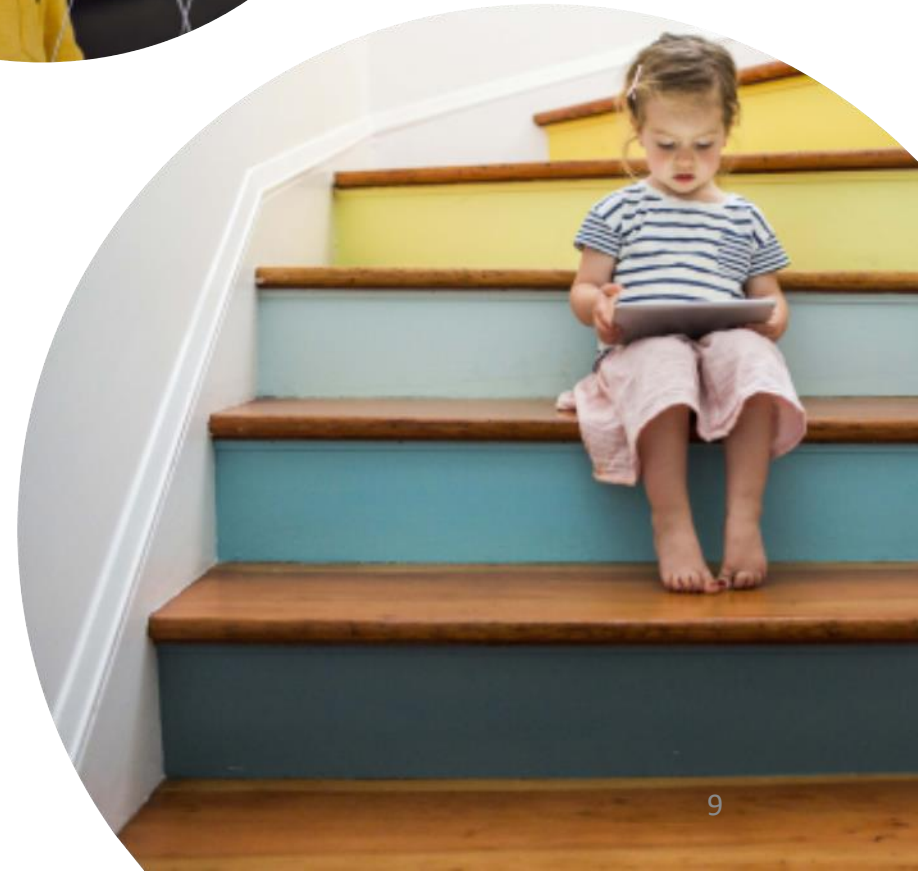
- 40 responses from survey
- PTA and Parent Council were combined in 2017
- New name suggestions
- Change in meeting structure
- Fundraising suggestions





# So, going forward...

- Rebranding as **St Margaret's Family Forum**
- 2 meetings per term
  - School update via newsletter with head teacher's update before meeting where top 3 topics discussed
  - Parent focused meeting for more open discussion with SLT representative
- Give people more notice for activities (notes for diary)
- Ipay option for dress down day with specific fundraising targets



# Fundraising Activities

1

Discos

2

Dress  
Down Days

3

Christmas  
Fayre

4

Christmas  
Cards

5

Summer  
Raffle

# Treasurer's Report

Starting balance: £5,478.67

Current balance: £9,804.34

Amount raised in academic year so far: £5,438.24



There is also £1,639.94 in a second bank account



# How Money Is Being Spent

## **Spent So Far**

- Christmas parties
- School football kit
- Libresoft license for school library

## **Planned**

- P7 yearbook
- 2 x smart TVs (~£2,000 each), with plan to purchase 2 per year
- Gym mats
- Other suggestions?

# Moving Forward into 2024/25

## **Family Forum**

- Chair
- Vice chair
- Proposal to have 2 parent representatives per year group

## **Fundraising**

- Thank you to Sarah and Gavin as well as all the others who have helped with events this year
- Can anyone else help with new initiatives?

## **Library**

- Thanks to Pam and Lisa for helping with library
- Any volunteers with time to help maintain library?

Any help we can get, however big or small, will help us continue to have a Family Forum



Thank you!!!

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