

Barthol Chapel Parent Council 20-11-17

Present: Mr. Anderson, Anne Ritchie, Sarah Parker, Pam Stroud, Brenda Crowthers, Barbara King, Vicky Prendergast, Keith McIntosh, Jane Davidson and Freya Hepburn

Apologies: Brie Stephenson, Claire Murphy, Jane Boddie

The meeting started covering the bank balance, which is sitting at £2177.56. Thank you to all who handed in the smarties tubes, the children will count them up at school. These donations will go towards the panto trip and bus hire.

Christmas raffle tickets for the kids to sell will be available soon. There has been a great collection of prizes from local places and companies which has been a great help. There is an email to come out about donations for two hampers (adult and child) as prizes for the raffle which will be drawn at the evening showing of the school show.

On the last day of term before Christmas the school nativity will be held in the church. There will be tea and coffee served with mince pies after in the school with a visit from Santa at the end.

A Christmas party will be organised during school hours, emails will go out nearer the time.

If you shop online a lot, please shop through the "[EasyFundRaising](#)" website and look for Barthol Chapel, by doing so the school receives funding with every purchase made.

The coffee afternoon will be happening this week on Friday, all welcome. A sheet will be available to help with the tea and coffees for the shows and nativity dates, any help is appreciated. Vicky will organise more tea and coffee supplies.

It was agreed that regular donations to the local Food Bank would be a good idea. These donations could include the kids bringing in tins to make up a Christmas dinner at the same time they are having theirs or bring in a tin at coffee afternoons or perhaps monetary donations (£2?) to go towards the food bank for tins and toiletries. Emails will come out with more information.

There is a Facebook page called "[Barthol Chapel Parent Group](#)". This is a closed group done by some of the mums so that we all can keep in contact, if you would like to be a part of this please contact someone in the parent council and they will invite you to join in.

The school will send notifications using Groupcall and email as some people are not getting the attachments,. Any problems please get in touch with the school office.

Next week there will be a four day school inspection. Mr. Anderson has been working hard in preparation and has no concerns about the school. The inspectors will be looking at everything including classrooms, playground, school meals, school/parent interaction as well as the school atmosphere and ethos. On the Tuesday there will be a chance for parents to meet and talk with the inspectors. There will be an email going out about this soon. As Mr. Anderson all ways says we should show our BEST: Believe, Endeavour, Succeed Together!

The rag bag collection has done really well, please keep popping your unwanted clothes and shoes in.

Looking forwards to the next two terms...

Good news! The school wall beside the carpark will be redone, bringing a much needed facelift to the school grounds.

A Farm Visit to be organised, emails in the future will go out. Reports from other schools who have attended have said it was a great visit.

A Pub Quiz has been confirmed for March. Emails to come out nearer the time.

The 50th anniversary of the school will be on the 23rd May (also Mr. Andersons birthday) so the third term will be full of getting organised, with plenty of help from the local community and local groups. This will be an exciting time for the school and if you would like to help or have special memories of the school please get in touch.

The P7 residential trip has been book and planned out and there will be a meeting at the school closer to the time to refresh memories and get organised!