CPSA AGM – Tues 03.9.2019

**Thank you to Claire and the Committee** for another incredibly supportive year. It is very much appreciated and we couldn’t be the successful school we are without that hard work, willingness, commitment and dedication.

This coming session we have 7 classes, and all classes are fully staffed. This year we welcome Miss Gammon and Mr Addo who will both be with us for a year in P3 and P5.

Many of you will have heard about the **PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING** allocated directly from the Scot Govt to schools to support raising attainment in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing amongst our most disadvantaged pupils. The amount allocated to each school is based directly on the SIMD profile of pupils in attendance. Some schools receive vast amounts, some none at all and others like us a little bit! Our allocation for 2019-20 is **£12,000** so more than last year and, after some discussion with CPSA – who are happy to trust us in our decisions, and in partnership with the LA, we submitted an action and spending plan.

Our PEF funds this year will be used to continue Accelerated Reading for P2-7 for another year which we will use to raise reading attainment for all pupils in these classes.

Staff will receive training in Talk for Writing, this training and approach to the teaching of writing will help us to raise attainment in writing for all pupils in P2 –P7.

Home learning packs will be given to all pupils to support their learning at home as we trial our new home learning policy.

ASN Hours bought in staffing to support our pupils with the most needs.

All pupils will continue to benefit from Outdoor Learning at **ONE TIME** which supports **HEALTH and WELLBEING** and engagement in learning.

We will continue to measure the **impact** of this spending as we submit a full report to the council in April.

This year we will continue to embed the **VALUES**, which the school is based upon. Respect, Integrity, Caring, Hard Work and Equity. Pupils and Staff regularly discuss these values and what they mean to us all here at Cardross.

Keeping you informed about your child’s development and progress is important to us, as well as having regular dialogue with parents, we will be using SeeSaw, which allows you to see and comment on aspects of what your child is learning in class as well as using the pupil planners to report on your child’s progress and parents appointments.

The First Minister continues to place enormous importance on closing the attainment gap and raise attainment in schools still further. I am very pleased to report that **attainment remains high** at Cardross Primary with most pupils attaining their expected Levels – and beyond - within given frameworks.

We use the **Scottish National Standardised Assessments in P1, P4 and P7**. These are standardised assessments used across the whole country and all schools and classes at theses stages will be expected to participate. They are part of our teachers toolkits, in helping us make professional judgements around attainment of levels.

Planning, Assessment and Moderation remain on our agenda as staff work together and this session we will extend our moderation work across schools within the cluster to ensure our standards are shared standards within attainment at each class and level; broadening our work to include **holistic assessments** periodically through the year. (Grouping together a number of skills across lit or numeracy within a new context to assess deeper learning)

I have no doubt that our success is also due, in part, to the funds that CPSA raise and make available for our spending to enrich and develop learning experiences for our pupils.

As Claire reported, the variety of events put on by last year’s committee was tremendous and no doubt contribute to the uptake and success of them – which meant a huge amount of monies raised to enrich our pupils. A major part of that fundraising last year was the success of the Gala day. I recognise the enormous effort that is required in so many areas to make this the successful event it was and my thanks go to the Committee for providing this event. With these funds we will be able to provide at the level we have been afforded over recent years.

I’m sure the new incoming Committee will have lots of fresh and new ideas for fundraising and we look forward to sharing the fun in those. I also look forward to working to further develop the ‘business’ side of the CPSA – where together with the committee and the wider Parent Forum (body of others) we can continue to develop and improve our school in conjunction with you all, for the benefit of our children.

Thank you all for your support in another highly successful year