

# St. Clements Parent Council News

## Parent Council Meeting

*The third Parent Council meeting of this school year was held on Wednesday 2 February 2011 and was attended by Mr Macgregor, 2 staff representatives and 4 parent/carer members. This newsletter highlights the main issues discussed at the meeting. Our future meeting dates this year is on Wednesday 4 May 2011 please come along if you wish. Everyone welcome. All meetings take place at 6.00 p.m.*

## **THE NEW SCHOOL PROPOSALS**

There have now been 5 Project Board meetings in connection with the new school and representatives of the Parent Council continue to attend each one. The last update was issued separately in December and the next meeting is not until 1 March so there is nothing further to report at this stage.

We would like to remind everyone that the proposal is for 2 separate and distinct schools with some shared facilities on the same campus. Under the proposal St. Clements Primary School would retain its own identity, with the current Lochee and Charleston primary schools merging.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Planning is now underway for another Bingo Fundraiser on Tuesday 26 April 2011 'eyes down' at 6.30 p.m. ...look out for more details from the school about this and other fundraising events such as a possible School Fayre! Funds raised so far will be used to replenish the school book stock which will benefit all pupils now and in the future.

Parents and carers can continue to drop in to their children's class on a Wednesday morning or may be interested in joining a Parents Group in the school with Taletta Jamieson Dundee City Council's Parental Involvement Officer which starts on 21 February at 2.00 p.m.

## **COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Parent Council were recently represented at a consultation meeting with Dundee City Council about the Council's budget proposals.

We have written to express our concerns that primary schools with a roll of less than 220 pupils will lose their Depute Head Teacher as this will affect our school.

Unfortunately it seems the Education Department have made their decision anyway despite the significant impact this will have.

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

The school will be taking this matter forward following the Homework Survey undertaken last year. Parents will be invited to be involved in the development of this policy.

## **IT**

Parents will by now have received Information Security permission forms to sign. It is essential that these are signed and returned to the school to allow pupils to continue to use the IT facilities safely.

Watch out for news soon from Mr Macgregor about developments on the school's Twitter page; blog and website!