



Parent Council Newsletter - Term 2 – December 2023

Welcome to the second newsletter of the 2023/2024 school year from your Parent Council. In this newsletter you'll find an update on our work as well as details of key forthcoming fundraising events. Please note the dates in your diary, we'd love to hear your thoughts about our plans.



Your 23/24 Parent Council

Joint Chair

Loree Thomson / Cathy Hill (P4/P7 parent)

Social Media Secretary

Ashley Newton (P4/P1 Parent)

Secretary

Jennifer Butler (P2/P4 Parent)

Treasurer

Lorna Templeton (P5/P7 parent)

Committee Members:

P1 - Agnieska Anaszko, Samantha Thompson
Ainsley Clark, Martin Struthers-Smith, Louisa Oram,
Gillian Linton, Colin Murdoch

P2 / P4- Evelyn Black

P3 / P6- Helen Ward

P4 / P6 Stacey Todd

Gillian Linton

Kyla Richardson

The Parent Council includes Mrs Beveridge as Head Teacher/Staff representative and our local elected council members also support us.

Going forward the Parent Council and Parent Association will become more aligned with the aim of increasing fundraising activities to support the education and welfare of our pupils.



Meeting Dates

13th December 2023

13th February 2024

30th April 2024

11th June 2024

Location/Time: School staff room - 7pm

All parents are invited to attend these meetings and everyone is welcome. Minutes of meetings will be uploaded to the school app for all parents to view and access. We welcome any comments on the minutes, just send an email to the Parent Council address.

WE NEED YOU

Our role is to identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of our pupils.

All parents are encouraged to engage and share views with the Parent Council on everything and anything you feel we could be doing to support our school.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Christmas Shopping event- Monday 18th December

After the success of last year we have decided to run this event again. Pupils will have the opportunity to choose and wrap a gift (donated) for a special person in their life. Suggested donation to purchase a gift £2. To help support this event we would kindly ask that you donate any unused gifts which can be regifted- excluding alcohol. Pupils can bring their donated gifts in from Monday 11th December. Suggested donation to purchase a gift £2.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for the Parent Council Christmas Raffle. £1 a ticket and all funds directly benefit the school. Please check out the Parent council Facebook for more information.

Fundraising Update

Halloween – the disco at the end of October was a huge success the children all had a great time and it was lovely to see our new P1s joining in the fun.

This event raised over £600.

Christmas - Cards & items purchased by our families looks to have generated around £800.

Bonus Ball – this fundraiser raised £450.

That's an incredible **£1850** so far this term! Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you.

Donations to the School

The school has been issued with a £4000 cheque and used this to purchase a number of resources including a tablet charging trolley.

Pantomime - we provided a donation of £1000 to cover the cost of the buses and help to reduce the ticket price for families.

Christmas – we have bought selection boxes and each child will receive one at their class Christmas party

P7 Hoodies - Every year we provides all P7 leavers with a hoodie – this order will be placed in the New Year

Road Safety – To support the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) with safer parking at the school, we have secured donations from Physioflexx and Blairs Garage to allow the purchase of “No Parking people” signs. East Ayrshire Council donated an additional 2 signs.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Grant Applications:

The Parent Council was successful in its application for £500 from Stewarton Initiatives Group. In partnership with the school a wish list of sporting equipment has already been purchased and this will support in the provision of after school activities for our pupils. P4 were all offered the opportunity to attend an after school football club which was enjoyed by all those who attended. More after school clubs will be available to other year groups in the new year.

School Update:

Discussions have been ongoing with East Ayrshire Council regarding increasing the playground security at the school with the addition of gates at the front. The Council has now approved the costs associated with this work and we hope to have the gates installed early in the new year.

The third and final part of the school upgrade was scheduled to take place in Summer 2024. At this stage, East Ayrshire Council have stated that inflatory costs in combination with the overall reducing council budget means they cannot commit to this Phase 3 improvement at present. While we understand and share the disappointment of this news we will continue as a Parent Council to push for these works to be completed as soon as possible

HEART in Stewarton - Helping Everyone at the right time

The Parent Council are delighted to support the school with this new project. The aim of which is to highlight the local supports that are available via our school.

- **Financial Inclusion Officer**

- Scott can check your entitlement to support and support you in making claims.

This service is confidential and you can contact Scott directly on 07407115841 or emailing scott.finnie@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

- **Rapid Relief Team – Food boxes**

- RRT designed food boxes act as emergency food bank for people and families in need. These are available within the school and can be collected at any time.

- **Uniform Swap Shop**

- A dedicated area has been set up within our school and can be accessed before and after school.

For more information on the above please contact the school in the strictest confidence

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Comments and Suggestions

The Parent Council is very fortunate to receive huge support from our school community in relation to the fundraising events which are organised. We are grateful to all of you for your time, offers of help and donations. We are keen to engage with as many of our parents as possible to support our school and enhance the school experience for our children as much as possible.

Any feedback and comments will be greatly received and can be made:

To the Parent Association via our Facebook page

To any of the Parent Council members as notes overleaf

To the school staff members - Mrs Beveridge

By email : nrpsparentcouncil@gmail.com