

Crookfur Primary & Nursery Class Parent Council Fundraising Group Newsletter Autumn Term 2018/19

Welcome to our first ever Fundraising Newsletter! We'd like to share with you who we are, what we do and what we'd like to do. The committee is made up of parents from across the school plus Mrs McGuigan, Mrs Slorach and Mrs Norman. We are a sub-committee of the Parent Council and their Chairperson, Denny Henderson, regularly attends our meetings too. Our chairperson is Gillian Leitch and our Treasurer is Gillian Plews, both P4 mums. The position of secretary is currently unfilled. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the High School PE Classroom at 7pm for no more than an hour.

Last Year

Last year we raised an amazing £5849 and so want to give you all a big thank you!

- Our Halloween discos were amazing fun and a great success and raised a total of £809.
- We ran a Christmas card design service this year and made a profit of £406.
- The Christmas Fair was the highlight of our fundraising in the first half of the year and made the magnificent sum of £2100.
- In March we had a family movie night and watched Trolls together, raising £216.
- At both sports days a refreshments stall was run which raised £227.
- Finally we rounded off the year with our amazing fun day and raffle. These were both very popular and together raised a brilliant £2091.

With all this money we have raised we've been able to buy several items for the school and nursery, all of which they would have either had to use essential budget for or not bought at all:

Welly sheds for nursery & P1
Giant sand pit for nursery
Rain suits for P1 & P2
K'nex sets for upper school
USB DVD Players x 10 for whole school
CD Players x 10 for whole school
Plants and other outdoor items for around the school
2 large outdoor storage sheds for playtime toys
Donation towards P6 trip to Blair Drummond
Donation towards P7 end-of-school party
Dictionaries for school leavers
Presents for P1 at Christmas
Benches x 3 at the bike track

This Year

We have several fundraising events in the pipeline for this year of which more details will appear on the Crookfur Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council Facebook group.

- P1 disco on September 20th
- Fancy dress discos for other year groups on Thursday 1st November
- Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November
- Ladies night in mid to late February
- Discos at end of March
- Sports day refreshments
- Family fun event in June

Of course, these events require people to not only help on the day but to partake in the planning and preparation. Our committee is very friendly and works well together but is growing smaller as people's children leave for high school and so we really need some new committed members. If you would like to find out more about joining us, please come along to one of our meetings or contact us via the Facebook group (Crookfur Fundraising Group) or via the Parent Council email address – crookfurparentcouncil@gmail.com.

We have some expenditure requests from the school already, plus our big-ticket item of the Activity Trail which is bubbling out of view as we try to secure external funding. The Activity Trail will cost in the region of £15000 and will be positioned on the grass to the side of the little path leading round the back of the gazebo (and therefore accessible to all children). We are opening a new fund account for this and are putting in a donation of £2000 from our balance to get it started; we expect to see this balance growing soon. We know how much everyone wants one back and are doing our very best to move it forward!

The three current requests are an update to the Outdoor Classroom at P6/7 to turn it into Crookfur Quiet Zone, an extension to the school's Opus PA system (we all know they need more microphones!), and worry letterboxes to allow the children to 'post' any concerns to staff. You'll see from the list from last year though that there will most definitely be more items required as the year progresses!

Please do keep coming to our events, your support is essential and very welcome, and we look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to join our committee!