

Kirkhill Parent Council Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you and your families have all remained well during these last few challenging weeks and months... what a crazy year this has been!!

As I draw close to the end of my first year as Chairperson of our Parent Council, I reflect upon my strategic calculation when I stepped forward for the role, that my predecessor had been so active during her tenure that she had possibly achieved all that the school needed for a few years (playgrounds, Science Garden, library, to name a few) - so all I'd need to do is keep the ship afloat and gently sailing along. How wrong was I?? Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be sitting reading piles and piles of documents most evenings after strangest set ups at work during the day and having endless virtual meetings with politicians trying to keep our kids at school!!!



Our Parent Council is usually very active in the spring and summer terms - we had so much planned: discos, our Family Fun Day, a chat with prospective P1 parents at their school visits, not to mention the P7s' Leavers Dance. Instead during lockdown we had to cancel or postpone or move to virtual alternatives - instead of handing out the P7s high school ties at their Graduation, I recorded a short video wishing them all well as they leave Kirkhill and head off to High School. It's all very different this year but one thing's for sure - this is the year that won't be forgotten and will be a talking-point for a long time to come!

Further to the Scottish Government announcement earlier this week that - dependent upon both continued suppression of the virus, and scientific and health advice, we should aim for children to return to school full-time in August (with the blended model of teaching as a contingency). The National Parent Forum of Scotland are keen to gather feedback and views from parents as some of you will welcome this statement, and some of you may have some concerns. Accordingly, we'd love to hear from you - please contact us via your class reps or kirkhillpcsec@gmail.com.

As always, the Parent Council is committed to supporting, maintaining and strengthening the bond and relationship between the parent forum and Kirkhill Primary School. If you have any queries or concerns please get in touch.

Thank you all for your support across the year and I hope everyone has a great summer (in your back garden, or up to five miles away!!). My best wishes to our P7s and their parents and especially to our fantastic P7 class reps. If today marks the end of your Kirkhill journey, good luck in the next chapter of your adventure - if not, I look forward to welcoming you all back in August - please note our Annual General Meeting, is provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 8th September 2020.

Sidra
Kirkhill Parent Council Chair