St Clare's Parent Council Newsletter



Issue No. 6

OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON



At the Parent Council AGM on 9 September 2020, I was elected as the new Chairperson for the Parent Council, together with Sinéad Mordue and Nicola Steel as Joint Secretary and Benjamin Clark and Jacqui Tsang-Barnett as Joint Treasurer. Romana Ahmed is continuing as Vice Chairperson. Nicola will also continue with her

Comms role. We are really grateful to the former officer holders, Aundrie, Elizabeth and Gemma for all of their hard work and ongoing support to our new team, as we seek to fill very big shoes.

By way of introduction, I have been part of the Parent Council since St Clare's opened and am mum to twin boys in P4, a girl in P3 and a P7 boy at St Cadoc's Primary. It has been wonderful to see the school grow, with the sense of community around it. Being on the Parent Council has given me an insight as to the hard work behind the scenes to make sure that St Clare's provides an excellent faith based education. I was really pleased to see some new members at the AGM. For those of you who are not Committee members, please remember that you can relay any general concerns/issues/questions to us, via your Class Rep (details noted below) or to our PC email address. Non-Committee members are also very welcome to attend our Council meetings, which are likely to be conducted virtually for the foreseeable future. Please get in touch and we can send you a Teams link when the next meeting is fixed.

Responsibility for fundraising is going to look a bit different going forward, and we are looking to hive off fundraising into a distinct and separate group, sitting under the umbrella of the PC and liaising with it. You do not have to be a member of the PC to be part of the fundraising group. We are very much hoping to grow the fundraising team. We need as many creative and innovative ideas as possible, given that our big fundraising events such as the Christmas Fayre will just not be possible. If you are able to be part of the fundraising group, please get in touch or join the What's App group, per details below. Or please just email us on stclarespc@gmail.com with any fundraising thoughts/ideas that you may have. Funds raised go towards activities/equipment that benefit all our children directly

You will find us all on the Parent Council to be very approachable and friendly, and I look forward to serving you as well as I can as the new Chairperson.

Best wishes.

Anna Reid

OCTOBER 2020

Dates for your Diary:

November

Thursday 26th
 Parent Council
 Meeting 7pm
 (virtual)

February

Wednesday 10th
 Parent Council
 Meeting 7pm
 (virtual)

May

Thursday 27th
 Parent Council
 Meeting 7pm
 (virtual)

Parent Council Office:

Chairperson

Anna Reid

Vice Chair:

Romana Anmed

Secretary:

- Sinéad Mordue
- Nicola Steel

Treasurer:

- Benjamin Clark
- Jacqui Tsang Barnett

Contact us:

☐ stclarespc@gmail.com.

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Useful Groups:

St Clares Uniform
Sell/Swap

St Clare's Cares

COVID-19 Stay Safe by social distancing at school pick up and drop off

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SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Each year the Parent Council commits to supporting the school in financing costs associated with activities and events for our children. There are a number of annual costs that the Parent Council agrees in advance such as teachers petty cash, enterprise committee for the pupils, Christmas parties, Panto, Schoenstatt trip for the communicants of the year, Communion gifts and activities associated with the P7 leavers such as ties and a contribution to the leavers dance.

This regular spend is paid for by the fundraising throughout the year and has an approximate cost of £4,000. We rely on your continued support throughout the year

to make all this possible and of course we also welcome any suggestions for future spending.

In addition to the above we have already committed to the purchase of two Boom boxes for the school at a cost of £179 each. They will be used regularly at PE, sport days, pitch days and even in the playground.

The year the school opened in 2017 the Parent Council purchased wet play boxes for each class, since then our school and classes number have grown and the teachers have requested a re-fresh of these valuable wet break entertainment resources. We have therefore agreed to spending £1,000 on new games for each class to use.

Finally, as our children will be outdoors more this year the Parent Council have also authorised expenditure on outdoor play equipment of £1,500.



RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP



Easyfundraising enables you to help raise funds for our school simply by shopping online at over 3,600 of your favourite sites such as Amazon, eBay, Marks & Spencer and John Lewis.

Sign up at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stclaresprim/ to support St. Clare's Primary School. You can add the Donation Reminder to your browser, so you'll remember shop via the easyfundraising site. The retailer will then donate a percentage of sales to our cause. Or easier still, download the app and go there first whenever you're planning to shop

KEEP IN TOUCH

We use our Facebook group to provide regular updates on activities and events, if you are not yet following the group you can find us by searching for St Clare's Parent Council or using the following link https://www.facebook.com/groups/193729711103450/?ref=group_header# =

There are What's App groups for each year, you class reps (listed below) will forward you regular updates to your class groups.

PI Catherine Sheridan P2 Arfah, Shafiq, P3a Heather Ferry, P3b Jacqui Tsang, P4a Gemma Doyle, P4b Arfah Shafiq, P5 Nicola Steel, P5/P6 Jules McGeever P6 Jacqui Tsang, P7 Nadia Capuano