

Chair Team Report for PC meeting 2nd November 2022.

The new chair team would like to welcome everyone to the second Parent Council meeting of the 1st term – thank you to Anna, Sinead Michela and Ben for your handovers to the new office bearers who have taken on the roles as co-chair, vice-chair, co-secretary, co-treasurer, and joint heads of fundraising.

It has been a steep learning curve, but we appreciate your help, support and time helping us prepare and being available for any questions or queries as we settled into these roles.

Overview of activities since last meeting

- Office Bearer Meeting - the majority of the roles in the team are joint and we feel this will be beneficial for Parent council as brings in a wide range of experience and ideas and, we hope it will encourage more members to take on office bearer roles in the future.
- Fundraising Meeting – this was an opportunity for the fundraising group to meet and start the plans for the new term with the focus on the Christmas Fayre – following the fayre the fundraising focus will turn to 2023 events.
- NS has prepared a document to summarise previous suggestions and outcomes regarding parking at the school and potential options for parking out with the St Clare's car park (Thank you NS) – this will be shared with Calderwood Lodge and distributed to the wider parent community – we have also been in contact with ERC Community Safety Team re the enforcement of parking rules on the grounds on and around St Clare's. Parking wardens have attended once to enforce the parking rules.
- Halloween Disco's – it was great to have these back and the feedback has been great! We appreciate the support parent community and thank you to the volunteers – without your time and help these events would not happen – so THANK YOU!

Feedback and initiatives for 2022 / 2023 terms.

As per the last report due to the positive feedback various initiatives were continued into the 2022 / 2023 school year.

- Monthly theme days, already we have had Green for Climate change and Halloween Theme with lots more in the calendar!
- The voluntary donation has continued and means no payment is required on theme days and supports the funding of the annual commitments of the PC to St Clare's.
- Communications to the wider parent community are via the PC Newsletter, updates from Class reps utilising the Class What's App group - in addition we will also have a twitter account to support the fundraising initiatives.
- We are investigating options of expanding the Hoodies & Joggers to include knitwear based on parental feedback re the options currently available in local school wear providers.

And Thank you.

We would like to thank those who joined the office bearer team this year - Arfah (co-secretary) and Sean (co-treasurer) - also we appreciate the support from the established members of the team your support and knowledge – it has made the transition into our roles less daunting!

A special thanks to Lynn & Victoria for taking on the roles of co fundraising heads – particularly in your first year of joining the St Clare's Parent community – your enthusiasm, drive and hard work has been inspirational!

And finally thank you to Mrs Absolom and the team at St Clare's including Lara Gomez, Business Assistant whose help has been invaluable – as a parent council we are lucky to have such great support and collaboration, and it is great that there has been a return to in school events - we look forward to the rest of the 2022/ 23 school year.

Heather, Louisa & Ben.