

ST FRANCIS PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Date: 29 May 2025

Time: 6.00pm

Facilitator: St Francis Primary School

The Parent Council is a group of parents who represent parents' views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils.

Having a Parent Council allows a collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest.

We have a core group of people who are active in their support and contribution towards helping St Francis continue to move forward.

During the term year 2024/25, the Parent Council was grateful for the support of 1 co-opted member (Fr Donal) and staff management team who attend the meetings, we have held 4 Parent Council Meetings in this session and an additional AGM/PC Meeting. We usually have 6-10 members attend the meetings.

The Parent Council was used as a sounding board for several new policies and initiatives in the school and members were pleased with this consultative approach.

Summary of issues that the Parent Council were consulted on, informed of and participated in during the year of 2024/25:

- The school's delivery of the curriculum
- The School Improvement Plan
- Rights Respecting School initiative
- School trips and social events
- Promoting positive behaviours in school
- School Uniforms

Parent Council Focus, Events and Fundraising Activities

Family Fun Night

We started the 25/26 session with another Family Fun Night, which was held again in Blessed John Duns Scotus with the support of Father Eddie. Using the knowledge of the success of the Family Fun night the previous year, we had a DJ, Bingo, Face Painting and a tombola.

New Gorbals Housing continued with their support with a contribution towards the Hot Dogs and Nachos and we had our own St Francis Soft Bar.

Many of our parents supported the night with the donation of items for the tombola including vouchers for restaurants and beautician appointments.

The parent council went to lots of effort to arrange the night, from planning the activities, sourcing all the tombola prizes, decorations stock and the background work of all the risk assessments.

All the effort was worth it with 150 people attending on the night and an amazing £1,149 to pay for all P1s Santa Experience.

Through discussions at the meetings the PC felt that for fairness not all of the funds raised should go towards the P1 trip and that parents would be asked for a small contribution. This worked really well with support given to those families who needed it.

The parent council used £966 of the money raised towards the trip with £206 coming from P1 families.

Road Safety

As you will be aware the street outside the front gate is part of the safer streets programme, meaning that NO CARS should be travelling along that road during the hours of 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Unfortunately, many of our parents and local businesses ignore this.

Once again, the PC have tirelessly been in contact with the road safety team and GCC, the neighbourhood regeneration department, local councillors and the police about getting this safer street programme enforced. From this we have had sporadic visits throughout the session from traffic wardens and the local police who can issue fines.

Co-op Fund

We received this award of £1,700 in November 2023, which is still to be used. We will step up efforts with school management and parents for ideas on how to use this, to benefit sustainable outdoor learning within the school.

Xmas Wreath Making

One of our PTC members Jenny, organised this tutorial event, which was cost of £20 per ticket, which included all supplies to make the wreath. Initially sales were slow and after feedback, tickets were reduced to £15. We also for the first time used an online ticket site, which was successful in people buying tickets that were out with the school community.

The night proved to be a great success with 30 people attending and we raised £263. The feedback was very positive, and we have no doubt that if done again, would be very popular.

Christmas Wishing Tree – Christmas present appeal

This was set up by the PTC to ask for supplies for the school, 100 present tags were made, and almost all tags were taken. This was a fantastic success and supplied much needed classroom supplies to our children.

My Childs Art

After the success of the first year of doing this, the Parent Council organised for the children to have their drawings turned into Christmas Gifts, through my child's art.

Each child did a drawing in class, which was then uploaded to the site. All parents were then given the details to log on and could choose to purchase their child's art in the form of a gift. They had everything from fridge magnets at £2.00 to water bottles and Christmas cards!

The children and parents loved being able to have these keepsakes and give them as gifts.

It was worthwhile and the PC raised £106.45 from this activity.

Tuck Shop

At the beginning of the session the Parent Council will holding Tuck Shops to coincide with dress down Fridays at the end of the month. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to man the tuck shops and to parents for supplying the pocket money.

The children have loved coming to the tuck shop, not only to buy sweets but also using their money!

We raise on average £100 per tuck shop.

Plant Sale

One of our Patent Council members, Edward, recently organised a plant sale outside the school gates at drop off and pick up for 4 consecutive days. This was a great success with almost all of the 100 plants sold and raised £172 for the school funds. Edward hopes to do this next year.

Easy fundraising

Easy fundraising is one of the Uks biggest charity shopping sites who partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easy fundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation.

This has been a very slow uptake for us over the years, which we have promoted several times at parent's night events and handing out leaflets at school gates.

We now have 32 members but only 12 have actively used app.

To date we have raised £669.46, which is amazing but how much more could be raised if more parents, carers and teachers were using it.

We will promote Easy fundraising again next session.

Accounts Update

Our accounts for this session have been independently audited by Brian Watson who is not a member of the Parent Council or school community. Everything has been found to be in order.

BOS changed the PC account to a 'Community Account' this now means that as of March 2025 we pay a monthly service fee and whenever we do an in-branch transaction we will be charged additional fees.

A copy of the PC accounts as of the 22nd of May 2025 are shared below:

	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	£ 3,113.50	30th June 2024	
		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
05/07/2024	GCC Annual Payment	£ 400.00		
22/08/2024	Easy Fundraising	£ 26.94		
22/08/2024	P7 Ties		£ 464.00	
30/08/2024	Face Painter - Linda Smith for Family Fun Night		£ 220.00	
10/09/2024	Sundries - Bonnypack (paid to C Oneill)		£ 36.60	
10/09/2024	Crisps for Goody Bags (paid to C Logue)		£ 15.00	
11/09/2024	Booker - Soft Bar for Family Fun Night (Paid to Claire Logue)		£ 80.21	
13/09/2024	Cash Deposit from Family Fun Night	£ 1,643.45		
16/09/2024	September Meeting LET		£ 51.52	
17/09/2024	Goody Bag Contents to be paid to Daniella Kamrat		£135.18	
26/09/2024	Food bank Donation		£ 108.79	
14/10/2024	October Meeting LET		£ 51.52	
25/10/2024	Tuck Shop Income - October	£ 134.48		
04/11/2024	Tuck Shop - Payment to Claire Logue		£ 93.95	
29/11/2024	Tuck Shop Income - November	£ 128.06		
06/12/2024	Christmas Crafts for Wreath Making - Payment to C Oneill		£ 18.95	
06/12/2024	Supplied for Christmas Wreath Making Night		£ 23.81	
10/12/2024	Income from Wreath Making (Eventbrite)	£ 205.00		
11/12/2024	P1 Santa Visit to Dobbies - Payment to C Oneill		£ 1,172.31	
16/12/2024	Disco Tuck - Payment to C Logue		£ 113.09	
16/12/2024	DJ School Discos		£ 180.00	
20/12/2024	Monies from School towards the P1 Santa Trip	£ 206.00		
20/12/2024	Disco Tuck shop income	£ 247.39		
31/12/2024	P7 House Day Supplies - Paid to C Oneill		£ 24.50	
09/01/2025	January Meeting Let		£ 51.52	
16/01/2025	My Childsart	£ 106.45		
11/02/2025	Easy Fundraising	£ 28.45		
20/02/2025	Payment towards P7 Trip		£ 100.00	
18/03/2025	Service Charge on Bank Account		£ 4.25	
15/04/2025	Service Charge on Bank Account		£ 4.25	
13/05/2025	Easy Fundraising	£ 18.41		
16/05/2025	Service Charge on Bank Account		£ 4.25	
19/05/2025	Income from Plant Sale	£ 172.00		
21/05/2025	Taxi to HT Interviews		£ 5.99	
21/05/2025	Return Taxi from HT Interview		£ 6.93	
		£ 6,430.13	£ 2,966.62	
	BALANCE	£ 3,463.51		
	Less Co op fund	-£ 1,776.13		
	PC Monies	£ 1,687.38		
			240 circled for Music Broth	

Our Contribution to School over the last year – 2024/25

All funds raised by the Parent Council are used to support the work of the school, extra-curricular activities and extras for the children. In the past year we have supported the following:

- Christmas disco (DJ) £180
- Places for the primary 7 residential trip £100
- Primary 1 Santa Experience (Breakfast and Visit with Santa at Dobbies) £966
- Foodbank £108.96
- School ties for P7 £464.00

Membership

The PTC needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their school experience and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the PTC brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer. We have a few voting spaces becoming available as our members will leave due to their children moving to secondary education.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact:

Email: stfrancisprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

All parents and carers are welcome to attend PC meetings. Updates from the Parent Council and minutes of all meetings are available on the school website and are posted outside the school office on the Parent Council Notice Board.

We will continue to use the school newsletter, twitter and Facebook to keep you informed.