



Autumn
2013

Viewlands Primary

Parent Council Newsletter

Grow through learning

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AGM News

The Viewlands Primary Parent Council AGM was held on Monday the 4th November at the school. Over 25 parents attended, along with Mrs Allan, Mrs Sands from the SMT. Teachers Mrs Gellatley and Mrs Cahalin attended for their first meeting too. It was fantastic to see so many new faces at the meeting, making this the largest parent turnout at a Parent Council AGM in recent years. We now have the full quota of 20 parents on the council and we are all looking forward to working together for the benefit of the pupils and the school.

Despite the full quota of parent members on the council, all parents are always welcome at any of the up and coming parent council meetings – dates mentioned in the dates for your diary section of this newsletter.

During the recent Parent Council AGM, there was a healthy discussion amongst parents and staff about which initiatives and projects should next be supported by the Parent Council. Mrs Allan had consulted both staff and pupils of the school, and their suggestion was to upgrade the audiovisual equipment in the classrooms. This investment in technology would bring 14 new short throw projectors, 17 new speakers, and 2 new smart boards.

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Other suggestions were discussed including upgrading playground structures, however this was considered expensive. The discussion concluded with a majority vote in favour of supporting the suggestion from Mrs Allan for £4,000 to upgrade the Audio Visual Equipment. We should start to see the roll out of this equipment in the classrooms over the next 2 months.

The meeting also felt the parent council needs to hear the suggestions from all parents on what projects or initiatives should receive financial support in the coming months. So this is your chance to put forward your suggestions. Our starter for ten is giving each class some money to spend on their own projects which has been popular with both teachers and staff in the past, but we want to know your suggestions.

Your Parent Council Needs to Hear From You!

Please send suggestions on what you think we should spend Parent Council funds to.....

nicolaacford@yahoo.co.uk

Viewlands Primary Parent Council Members 2013 & their children's classes

Nicola Acford – Chairman - P3SD, P4D, P6O

Helen Still – Treasurer – P2W, P4D

James McKay – Secretary – P4G

Anne Bannerman – P2W, P7M

Carol Campbell – P3PR

Sally Fleming – P1M

Kevin Heller – P1

Morag Inglis – P3PR & SD

Lizanne Jones – P5 & P7

Andrew Kilpatrick – P6O & OD

Lynda Lennox – P6O, OD & P7

Jackie McCabe – P5

Jill McConnachie – P4D, P6O

Kim McDonald – P3PR, P5B

Karen McMurray – P3PR

Karen Paterson – P2W & P5B

Fraser Reaper – P1Mc

Pauline Scobbie – P4G, P7M

Ranjit Rees-Sidhu – P1M

Maxine Stronach – P5CS & P2W

If you want to know more about the parent council, or wish to volunteer to help with fundraising, or other events, speak to any of the above parents or send an email to any of the addresses in this newsletter.

Chairman – Nicola Acford – nicolaacford@yahoo.co.uk

Treasurer – Helen Still – helen1still@yahoo.co.uk

Secretary – James McKay – mckayj@btinternet.com

Our contact details...

Fancy Coming to a meeting?

The Parent Council meets every 2 months. Why not come along to the next meeting at the school to find out more on **27 January 2014, 7pm start?**

All parents are welcome at all the meetings

Fundraising

Where has the money gone?

2013 - 2014 Diary dates

During the last 12 months or so, parents organised & **raised...**

The Summer BBQ 2012- **£1,411**

The Halloween disco - **£500.**

Christmas Fair - **over £2,500**

Tea towel fundraiser - **£776**

Ladies Night fundraiser - **£693**

Peel to Save - **£455**

Thanks to your support, you helped to raise over...

£6,400

Over the last year, a commitment to **spend** on...

Audio Visual Projectors, Speakers & Smart boards - **£4,000**

Active Maths - **£2,431**

JVC Woofers - **£500**

Accelerated Reader - **£2,814**

Nursery Reading Books - **£100**

P 7 Gifts - **£350**

We still always need volunteers to help out at Parent Council Events, without whom we couldn't have raised the above money. Please get in touch if you are willing to help us out or keep an eye out for our appeals for volunteers

29 November Christmas Fair

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Volunteers still required to set up, help out during the event & afterwards. Contact any member of parent council if you can offer any help whatsoever

27 January 2014

12 March 2014

12 May 2014

Parent Council Meetings

7pm at school

All parents welcome

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Date for your diary.... Viewlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting will be held on **27 January 2014, 7pm start at the school – ALL PARENTS WELCOME**