

Alloway Primary Parent Council

Winter Newsletter

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Hello Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed the October holidays and Halloween. Now we are in term 2, we would like to give you an update on what has been happening with your Parent Council.

This past year we were still running differently with COVID limitations and reduced parent council numbers, we continued our meetings through Zoom and our priorities focused on maintaining fundraising and supporting different expenses for the children.

Thanks to your support, we still had a successful year and raised £4529.40 from the Christmas raffle, Christmas cards, Asda grant and easyfundraising.

Laura Cameron, APPC Chair

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Thankfully our parent council is steadily growing since we have relaunched. Remember anyone is welcome to join at any time, we are a friendly and inclusive bunch who all enjoy helping where we can. You can be involved regularly or when required at events. Please email us at allowayparentcouncil@gmail.com or contact your class rep who will put you in touch with us.



Asda Grant

We were very lucky to receive a generous grant of £989 from Asda from an application made by Julie Grant, our fantastic Fundraising Convener. We thank them both so much for this as it paid for the wonderful Jubilee party, providing the children with ice cream, an entertainer and sweets.



Scholastic Book Fair

You also helped us raise a further £1085.20 to spend on new books for the school through the Scholastic Book fair in March. We hope the children enjoyed selecting and reading their new books.

Your new parent council team

We said goodbye to Mrs Butler and wished her well in her retirement and thanked her for supporting the parent council over the years. We also said goodbye to our previous chair, Emma Ledger. Emma worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep our parent council going and raised over £10,000 during her time as chair, we thank her so much for her hard work and efforts.

We were involved in the appointment of our new headteacher, Mrs Meney, and our new deputy, Mrs Miller. We wish them every success in their new posts and look forward to working alongside them.

This year, we are relaunching as a parent council post covid and have elected the following team members:

- Chair – Laura Cameron
- Vice Chair – Catriona Andrews
- Treasurer – Claire Campbell
- Secretary – Michelle Gass
- Fundraising Convener – Julie Grant





What we've been up to this quarter

So far this year, we have been finding our feet and establishing our team. We have also:

- Attended the open day and curricular evening to appeal for help and provide refreshments. Thanks to the parents who signed up to help when required.
- Had an easyfundraising campaign to attract new members and raise more funds.
- Held a Halloween swap shop in efforts to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Joined Connect.scot which will help support our parent council and is also available for parents to access information.



Festive events: dates for your diary

We have decided not to hold a Christmas Fayre this year, the fayre takes a lot of planning and preparation and we are not in a position to do that this year. There will be plenty of other Christmas Fayres to attend locally.

We have lots of other exciting plans in store in the lead up to Christmas including:

- Getting our shed organised and repaired to facilitate storage of our wonderful Santa's grotto that is being designed for the EYC and P1 – P3. Grotto gifts have been purchased and are also being wrapped by members of the parent council.
- If you have any outgrown or unused Christmas jumpers or partywear, simply pop it into our donation box at Alloway library before Friday 18th Nov. Everyone is welcome to select a 'FREE new to you' item whether you have donated one or not, from Monday 21st Nov until stocks last.
- We are also organising a Christmas treat for the P1 to P7s children where on the night of 5th of December, a cinema will be brought to Alloway Primary and the children will be invited to one of two screenings (infant and upper school). So please save the date. A festive tuck shop will also be available that night (more details to follow).
- Christmas merchandise for you to purchase is in progress so please keep a lookout for the order sheet in your children's bags to return to school once ordered.
- A fun filled calendar for going into the new year is also underway (more details to follow).
- Our meetings for the rest of the year have been scheduled for 18:15 at the school on the following dates: 28th Nov, 17th Jan, 15th Feb, 18th Apr and 31st May.



easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping this year.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to our school every time you shop online – so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else!

It doesn't cost you a penny extra and the donations will make such a difference.

There 3 easy ways to get started:

1. Start at the [easyfundraising website](#) and search for a retailer.
2. If you shop using your mobile or tablet device use the [easyfundraising app](#) to search for a retailer before you make your purchase.
3. If you shop using your computer install the [easyfundraising Donation Reminder](#) and we'll pop up everytime a donation is available as you're shopping.

Parent Council Accounts

You helped us raise £4529.40 last year. Our expenditure included expenses for the Jubilee picnic, EYC and infant department gifts, P7 leavers ties and class photos, Christmas party treats, garden supplies for the EYC and Christmas raffle expenses totalling £2797.11.

£900 has been committed to cover half of the pantomime bus fare, leaving £2253.46 in the account at the start of term 1.



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