

Alloway Primary Parent Council

# Summer Newsletter

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## Hello Parents,

And just like that it is the end of term. It was our first year as a new parent council and we have a great team of parents within our team offering their time, skills, creativity, talent and expertise into making memorable events for our children. I'm grateful and thankful to them for their support in delivering successful events and experiences this school year.

Our events are only successful when we have the parent volunteers to help them run safely and smoothly and when we have the class representatives who communicate all the information. Parents have also supported us in other ways through attending events, donating prizes and buying tickets or items. We appreciate everyone who has helped us out, we really couldn't do it without you.

The parents at Alloway Primary have a lot to offer the school and it certainly has been evident this year.

Finally, a mention to all our school staff. We get an insight into the hard work they all do and they really do go above and beyond for our children and we truly appreciate all they do for the school and us.

I wish you all a fantastic break this summer!

**Laura Cameron, APPC Chair**

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If you would like to join or assist the Parent Council in any way please email us at [allowayparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:allowayparentcouncil@gmail.com).

We'd be delighted for any support that you can provide.



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## Baby to Teen

We assisted Baby to Teen in an Easter Egg collection for local children.

Thank you to all who kindly donated.



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## The Coronation

We decided to mark King Charles coronation through being able to design and purchase a keepsake.

The children made lovely drawings and parents were able to buy these printed on tea towels and mugs.



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## Summer picnic

We organised and paid for the alpacas to attend the wonderful summer picnic and provided ice lollies to all children.





## Summer fair

We saw the return of our long awaited Summer Fair. Months of preparation went into this large event and despite being 20 volunteers short on the day, everyone pulled together to make sure the day was a success.

We organised our fair wanting to create a balance of raising funds for the school but also providing a nice atmosphere and memorable day. We are so pleased with the amount we raised and the incredible turnout on the day.



## School show

We sold refreshments on both nights of the school show and provided ice lollies to all the fantastic performers. We trialled our sum up machines and found them to be very beneficial and will now utilise them at future events. We have pledged to buy new sound equipment for the school. This will benefit all children for assemblies and shows.



## Sports day

We trialled selling leftover stock from the school show and summer fair at sports day.

This was a last-minute decision and is something we will consider doing properly at future sports days.





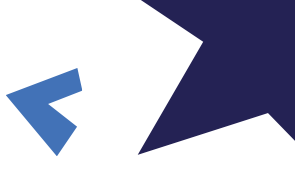
# Fancy getting involved?

We need urgent help with the following:

- Parent class rep's for each new P1 class and early years centre
- Sign up to our bank of event volunteers and help out at parent council run events
- Join our group of parent council volunteers and help us plan events, raise funds and have your say on how money should be spent

**Sign up at:**  
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## P7 leavers gifts

For our P7 leaver's gift, we purchased motivational books with a keepsake message inside as well as a word art print reflecting on their p7 year. We wish all P7's the very best in their next chapter.



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## EYC and P1 inductions

We delivered presentations at our EYC and P1 induction days as well as providing tea and coffee to those in attendance. We also gifted ties to our new primary ones as well as our updated parent council booklet.



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## School book fair

The travelling book fair returned on parent's evening this year and we sold a substantial amount of books on the night as well as online orders. The school receives commission for every book sold which builds up credit to buy new books for the school. The new credit has yet to be added but there is currently over £1000 from previous book sales to be spent.

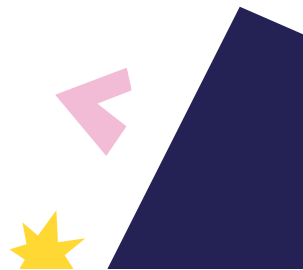


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## Back to School Uniforms

Get organised for the new school year:

- Check out our 'Eco Rail' in Alloway Library. Please help yourself and take what you need.
- Order deadlines for BE UNIFORMS for the new school year is Sunday 9th July.
- Blu Design also sell school uniforms and are able to offer collection in Ayr.



# Raise FREE donations for

Alloway Primary and Early Years Centre

every time you shop online

Find us on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

[easyfundraising.org.uk/allowayppc](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/allowayppc)

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## Tempest Photography

Back in March we sent out a survey to parents regarding Tempest. We had 95 responses and we organised a meeting with Tempest to discuss the findings. In short, the benefits of remaining with Tempest outweigh looking for an alternative photographer.

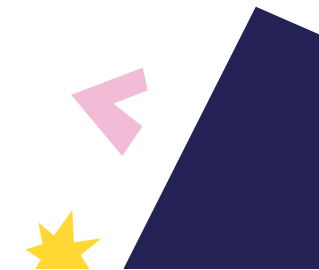
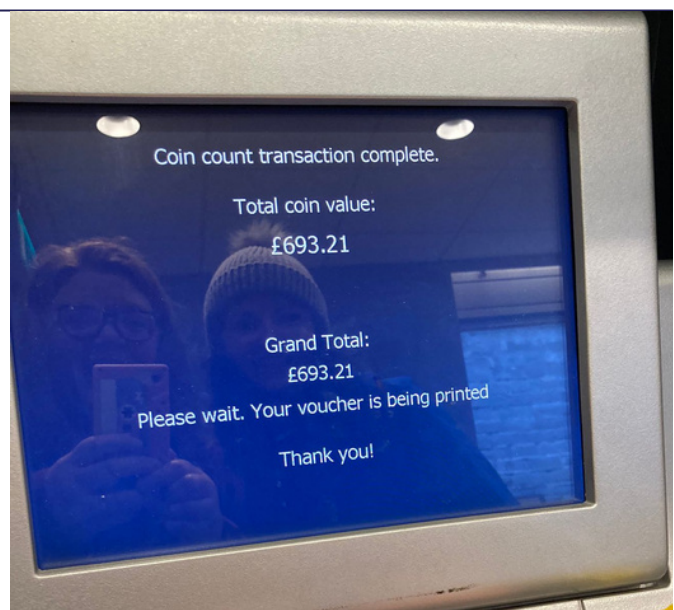
Reasons being, Tempest provide 25% commission to the school on every product sold. Their photographers are all PVG checked and photos taken are held securely. They provide school photos of every child free of charge to the school to be kept on every pupil's file and this is updated every 2 years. They also keep photos of children for 10 years so replacements can be offered. The only problem being, Tempest is UK wide and has a marketing department that deliver the choice of products but feedback such as ours can add weight to new products being brought out. New products will already be available to buy this school year with more photos including siblings.

Unfortunately, prices cannot be changed locally as they are agreed at a national level. by Tempest.

## Parent Council Accounts

After a brilliant year the current total funds available is;  
£8537.77.

Thank you to everyone for all of your support..



**We NEED to add  
new members to  
the parent council  
every year to  
continue to deliver  
for our children.  
Please consider  
getting involved.**

**(Research shows that when  
parents are involved children  
perform better at school)**

**Get in touch:**

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