



## Clovenfords Primary School Parent Council Newsletter August to December 2022

Welcome to Clovenfords Primary School Parent Council. The parent council is made up of a combination of parents and teachers. Each year, parents kindly volunteer for the positions of class representative or office bearer (chairperson, treasurer and secretary).

The objectives of the Parent Council are:

- a) To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all
- b) To promote partnership between the school, its pupils and parents
- c) To develop and engage in activities which support and further the education and welfare of the pupils
- d) To identify and represent the views of parents on the education and welfare of pupils.
- e) To raise funds for the benefit of pupils, the school environment and any nominated charities.

This year, the parent council is making a huge effort to make up for lost time due to the past two years of covid restrictions. We hope to expand our fundraising opportunities which will enable us to provide more support for the pupils where we can.

So far this term, the parent council in collaboration with the school have been involved in several projects.



**Clothingfords:** our used uniform store opened in October. The store is located within the school, and has a generous selection of used uniform items available for all. We aim to open the store at least one day a month for drop ins however the school

are more than happy to allow access to the store if you need an item sooner! Thank you to Paul Bertram for creating a storage area for us and to all the families who donated items. Members of the parent council have sorted through the clothes and arranged them by age group. We are also accepting other items: coats, welly boots, Christmas/Halloween clothes and shoes in good condition. Please contact the parent council if you have items you wish to donate.





**Library:** As you know, the school is very passionate about books and reading. The school library is a growing resource for the children, and a wonderful place for them to read and learn. Several members of the parent council volunteered their time to help the teachers reorganise the library and make space for new books which had recently arrived. Parents have

now set up a monthly rota to help keep the library organised and tidy. If you can spare a couple of hours, one Friday a month, then please get in touch with the parent council.



**Playground Repairs:** Unfortunately, the playground suffered from the effects of vandalism over the summer holidays. The tunnel in the playground had to be cordoned off until repairs could be done to make it safe. Luckily for us, we have some very resourceful and skilled parents on hand. Thank you to Clark Durnion for making the repairs and ensuring the tunnel was a safe place for the children to play in again. We would also like to thank Gregor Myles and Bartek Kosyteyn for making repairs to the fencing around the playground and the Trim Track during the summer holidays.

**Creepy Cloven:** the school and the parent council collaborated again this year to make the Creepy Cloven Halloween walk! The houses and gardens looked amazing and the children really enjoyed their scavenger hunt walk – they couldn't wait to take their parents back after dark to show them the scariest houses!! We had some great entries for our pumpkin competition too. Clovenfords Primary has lots of very creative children! Three lucky winners were picked and they each received a voucher to spend. Next year we hope to bring back a Halloween Disco – we can only do this with your help so if you feel that you could help with this, then please let us know!



**Christmas Fair:** We opened the school to the whole community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and had a wonderful time! The teachers and pupils made fantastic tree decorations and other items which they sold on their class stalls. There were 13 independent stall holders selling a range of crafts and gifts. The parent council raffle was extremely busy, as was the café where people were taking a well earned rest from the hustle and bustle of the hall! The parent council are so proud to announce that we raised £733 at the fair. This could only be achieved through the hard work and collaboration of all members of the parent council and the teachers of Clovenfords Primary School. Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year!