



Whiteness Primary School Parent Council

Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to our newsletter. If you would like more information about the Parent Council, or to become involved; or if you would like us to raise any issues on your behalf then please do get in touch. The next Parent Council meeting is **Monday 9th September, 2019** after the AGM at **6pm**.

GARDENING CLUB IS GOING REALLY WELL!



Last week we planted out the peas, onions and tatties. We also have a new outdoor kitchen.

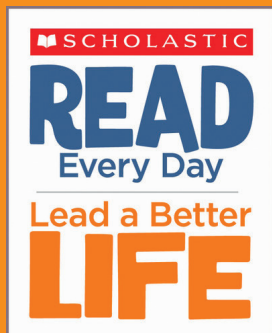
If you have any old pots/pans/utensils you no longer need can you please donate to our kitchen.

A special thank you to Peter Leask for making the outside kitchen!

EASY FUNDRAISING!

If you shop online, please consider helping us raise money for the School Fund by using the **easyfundraising** scheme. Any money raised can then be used to enhance learning and teaching at Whiteness. It's really simple to register and use and you won't be bombarded with unwanted emails and spam. It's available through your PC or tablet/ smartphone by downloading the app.

**www.
easyfundraising
.org.uk**



New Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/whiteness-primary> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 30 June 2019. Books will be delivered to the school and you will be contacted to collect your order.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS!

The Parent Council is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us please see contact details overleaf.

About Our Parent Council

In every school in Scotland, the parents, guardians or carers of children in the school are collectively known as the school's 'Parent Forum'. Under the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006, each Parent Forum has the right to set up a Parent Council, made of parent members and representatives from the school and the local community. The role of parent councils is to:

- Support the school in its work with pupils;
- Represent the views of parents and carers;
- Encourage links between the school, parents and carers, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community.

The Whiteness School Parent Council has up to eight parent members; along with two co-opted members; a teacher and the three local councillors. The Head Teacher also attends meetings. We are involved in a number of activities including fundraising, running the crèche at Parents' Meetings, consulting with parents and helping at the School Sale.

Contact us!

We are keen for parents to contact us if they have any issues, concerns or ideas that they would like us to raise with the school or with Children's Services. We do try to have parent members with children in each of the school years, including Early Years, so that hopefully means that all parents will know of someone on the Parent Council.

We can only know about problems if you tell us about them!

You can speak confidentially to Parent Council members, and we will raise issues anonymously on your behalf: we would not identify you or your child unless you wanted that.

(Please note though that we cannot become involved in concerns relating specifically to individual children).

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Vacant	Co-opted Member	–	–

Our three local councillors: Steven Coutts, Catherine Hughson and Theo Smith are also members of the Parent Council. All the contact details are also available on the Parent Council section of the School's website: www.whiteness.shetland.sch.uk/