



Whiteness Primary School Parent Council

Newsletter

October 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 11 November 2019, 6.00pm at the school.**



Tuesday 10 December 2019

Christmas Concerts in the
Whiteness & Weisdale Hall

2.30pm **Early Years & P1/2**

7.00pm **P3/4** followed by
P5-7 performance

As previous years, the Parent Council intends to sell refreshments before the Concerts to raise funds for the school.

We will also be holding a Christmas raffle: Tickets can be bought on the night and we will announce the winners after the concerts.

Again this year we are asking for donations for the Christmas hamper raffle. If you would like to donate something there will be a box for donations at the Child Led Parents Evening on **Wednesday 20 November.**

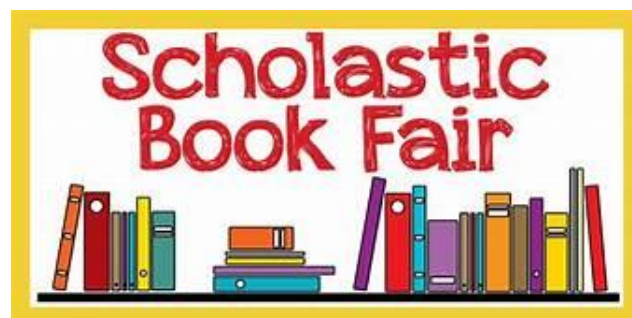
After this date the box will be kept in the school office for donations. This will be drawn at the evening performance of the Christmas concerts. Thank you for your support.



Wednesday 20 November
Child Led Parents' Event
1.40pm-3.10pm
6.00pm-7.30pm



A special thank you to all parents and children who came to help Maureen make a new outside play tidy. We appreciate all who came on a very miserable wet day.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair and bought books and stationery. This will go towards free books for the library.

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 Christmas concert.

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

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

Parent Council contact details

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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/