



Whiteness Primary School Parent Council

Newsletter

January 2020

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 17 February 2020, 6.00pm at the school.**

Dates for your diary:

Thu 20 Feb

Occasional holiday

Fri 21 Feb

Occasional holiday

Mon 24 Feb

Occasional holiday

Mon 2 March

Parents' Evening

Wed 4 March

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Times to confirmed.

The Parent Council will be running a creche.

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you!

£592.98 has been raised through the Christmas raffle and selling refreshments at the 2 school concerts. Thank you to everyone who donated to the hampers.



If you have any comments on the new school menu please can you share your thoughts with Neil Beattie, Team Leader – Catering and Cleaning, Shetland Islands Council. He can be contacted on schoolmeals@shetland.gov.uk

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 we cannot become involved in concerns relating specifically to individual children).

Parent Council contact details

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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/