

St Elizabeth's School and Nursery Community Partnership



Newsletter 1 October 2020

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new term (sorry we're running so late, it's been a crazy year).

Following our online AGM on Sept 23rd AGM our team for this year will be:

- Chair – Helen Toner
- Depute - Leeann Burns
- Secretary – rota system
- Treasurers – Carol Burns and Allison McBride
- Church rep – Sandra Campbell
- Sces Liaison - Morag Toolan
- Social Media and Communication - Lisa Hamer

We no longer unfortunately have the team members to have a pupil liaison or eco officer as we had no new volunteers or helpers come forward. We should be able to run this year although next year we will have major issue as we will be losing 3 of our core team as their children will be leaving the school.

Please join us for our next meeting using zoom on

Wednesday 28th October at 7pm

Login details will be available by emailing

Stelizabethscommunitypartnership@outlook.com

Or by contacting the community partnership on the St Elizabeth's Community Partnership Facebook page.

2019/2020

It's been a very strange year but as a Community Partnership in 2019 we managed to have our first ever Harvest Festival along with other fundraisers which was enormous fun and managed to raise a great deal to pay for other activities and resources for the school. We had our regular visits from Santa Claus as well as our Halloween and Spring Discos. Then lockdown happened in March and our Community Partnership, as well as everyone else, had to adjust to a new normal.

As a Community Partnership, like everyone, had to take a more virtual route. We started our new Facebook page "St Elizabeth's Community Partnership", started to accept bank transfer and card payments as well as running some of our activities online.

In April we had our Egg Decorating Competition, Easter Quiz and our Spring watch Photo Competition judged by Caireen Harvey.

In May we had our Film Khoot Quiz and our "Something to make you smile" recycling competition judged by our local Scout Leader Gary followed by our Talent Competition in July.

We used some of our funds to give Asda and Co-op gift money cards to those in our school community who found lockdown particularly difficult.

We gave out gift bags and sacramental gifts to those who had missed out on the First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation due to lockdown. We also made sure our P7's had their special lockdown leavers gifts and goodie bags as well as their High School ties to let them know they were not forgotten and our new P1 parents had a wee welcome bag too.

We also did regular uplifts and deliveries to our local food bank and ran a "new and used" uniform bank to help the environment as well as saving our parents some hard earned money.

We are running a bit late with our end of year accounts but we'll make them available as soon as we can.

Dates For Your Diary 2020

Thursday 29th October

Pumpkin Decorating Competition

St Elizabeth's Community Partnership invite you to enter your fabulous decorated pumpkins (real pumpkins, pumpkin pictures or pumpkin arts and crafts) in our first ever Pumpkin Festival!

£1 suggested donation per entry

Please bring your entries to the school on the morning of Thursday 29th October for the judges to see and award some amazing prizes!
(Weather dependent, we are working on a Covid safe way to allow parents to safely see the amazing works of art we are expecting so more details to follow)

Thursday 5th November

Fancy Dress Competition

Join our online fancy dress parade by posting your best Halloween pictures by Thursday 5th November to be in for the chance to win some amazing prizes!

FREE to enter, 1 photo per child

Post your best costume picture from this year's Halloween either on St Elizabeth's Community Partnership Facebook page

Or

Email stelizabethscommunitypartnership@outlook.com

And there will be prizes for the most imaginative costumes in each age group.

Friday 13th November

Lucky Friday 13th 50/50 Draw

Our 50/50 draw envelopes will be given to pupils on Friday 6th November and must be returned to the drop off points at the school by 9am on Friday 13th November. The draw will take place at 2.45pm outside the school on Friday 13th November.

The cost is £2 per entry (we can accept cash/transfer or card payment) with 50% of the money to Community Partnership funds and 50% to the winning ticket. Good Luck!!

Monday 23rd November

Christmas Khoot Quiz

After the success of our quizzes during lockdown we will be running a Christmas Khoot Quiz again with some fabulous prizes

Free entry (1 per household)

More details to follow

Friday 4th December

Christmas Bonus £5 50/50 Draw

This can be paid in full or paid up in instalments by cash, bank transfer or card from now until 9am on Friday 4th December by using the drop off points that will be outside the school at regular intervals or by contacting the Community Partnership. Additional envelopes will be available again from drop off points at the school.

Friday 18th December

Santa Visits

The first minister and Santa have confirmed that there will be presents delivered to the school as usual before the Christmas holidays. We have the provisional date of Friday 18th December (although this is subject to change and at the moment we are not sure whether it will be Santa or an Elf that will be delivering the gifts. More details to follow.

Foodbank Donations

We will be having regular foodbank donation collections throughout the next few months. If you have items you would like picked up please contact us as we'll arrange uplift.

AND PLEASE

When you are shopping online please, if possible, use the web site www.easyfundraising.org.uk the school will receive a % of the sale. Just register and search for St Elizabeth's Community partnership. It also has an app if that is easier. There is over 3400 online retailers including Amazon, Argos and John Lewis to name a few.

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