

A new school year already! I hope everyone had a good summer holiday and all the kids are settling back into the school routine well.

This will be a big year for changes in the Parent Council as we lose some of our long term members. We are currently looking for help for the Fundraising Committee as Diane Laing is stepping down as Fundraising Co-ordinator after many years of organising school discos and fundraisers. I would like to thank Diane for her hard work and fantastic events that the parents and kids have all enjoyed. I would like to ask if any parents think this is something they might be interested in this role could you please contact me at tintoparents@gmail.com . Without the volunteers these events would prove impossible so I thank everyone already involved in the fundraising committee. They really do a great job for the school and kids. Diane has promised a good handover with all the relevant information and ongoing support through her last year as a tinto parent!

Do you have a special talent in website design and management? Could you spare a few hours a month to help with the school website? We are also hoping to find someone to replace Dawn Turner for care of the school website and joint admin of the Tinto FB page. She has also been a fantastic help over the years supporting the Parent Council particularly in the IT department and I would like to thank her for all her efforts. If anyone thinks they may be able to help with this role then please would you contact me at tintoparents@gmail.com.

It would be very helpful to have volunteers in place at the time of the AGM to be voted in although helping with the fundraising and after school club activities is something we would welcome at any time of year! Should anyone feel like they would like to volunteer for a role on the council at the time of the AGM that will also be an option. It would be great to see some new members for the Parent Council, ASC and Fundraising Committee.

Alexa Minnie and Rory Conn are officially stepping down this year. We would also like to thank them for all their efforts and contributions. We wish Mr Conn all the best on his new journey as a secondary school parent. Alexa for many years has been invaluable in the running of the ASC and we cannot thank her enough.

Ailsa Forgie has agreed to remain on the council as a community representative which is very much appreciated as she has many years experience on the council as a parent and this is a great help to all.

I would like to remind everyone not to forget about 'easyfundraising' as you think about starting your Christmas shopping or booking a last minute October break. This has raised over £1200 so far. It is easy to join and there are deals and offers available for various major retailers which donate money at no cost to yourself. In the past 8 months the use of easyfundraising has dwindled but I am hoping that if we can boost use over the coming months, during online Christmas shopping in particular, we might be able to raise over £200 like we did before last Christmas.

We have used Parent Council funds at the end of last term to help spread the cost of the Lion King tickets for families which had to be purchased at full cost to the school at the time of booking. We are all really looking forward to this trip which I am sure the kids will love. It is fantastic to have these funds available to help in these situations, so the kids don't miss out, so thank you everyone for your efforts last year that meant we could assist to make sure it was possible.

This year we are hoping to raise funds for more IT equipment such as tablets and cameras that the teachers have requested. This will enable the children to have access to a number of exciting new

types of lessons. There are also plans for improvements to the garden which will provide nice projects for the kids to be included in.

The Tinto app is regularly updated and is an easy way for parents to check what is happening in the school.

The Parent Council is here to listen to your views and to help communicate these with the school. Previous minutes will be available to view on the school website. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that you wish to share then please contact me on tintoparents@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the Parent Council is the AGM which is on Wed 11th Sep in the school at 7 pm. We would welcome you to join us to find out more regarding ongoing plans within the school and future fundraising events. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Lorna Christie.

Chairperson Tinto Parent Council.