**Parent Council News**

**October 2016**

**Next Parent Council Meeting - Monday 10th October 7pm in School** – all parents are welcome. Agenda will be out shortly. If you would like a copy of the agenda emailed to you, please let Sarah know by email sjwhenley@gmail.com

**YOUR PARENT COUNCIL**

Following the Parent Forum meeting, the following parents / representatives are now on the Parent Council. If you would like something raised or discussed at the parent council meetings, then you can either come to the meeting yourself or ask one of the following members to raise. We have managed to cover all Primary Classes so you should have a contact. **There are no parent representatives for the Nursery so if any parents would like to come to the meetings, you are more than welcome**

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| Parent Name | Name of child/ren | Primary Class |
| Sarah Henley (Chair) | Milly | P7 |
| Paul Keegan (Vice Chair) | Anna | P4 |
| Jon Reid (Vice Chair) | Luke | P4 |
| Linda Hennessey (Treasurer) | Cameron | P5 |
| Domhnall Dodds (Secretary) | Alastair | P6 |
| Lorraine Hart | Rebecca | P4 |
| Gillian Morrison | Ross & Ellen | P7 |
| Lynne Currie | Kirstin & Charlotte | P2 & P4 |
| Morag Hill | Matthew & Suzanna | P7 & P6 |
| Nadia Maqbool | Abdur-Rahmaan & Nur-Aasiya | P3/2 & P5 |
| Dawn Wilson | Cayden & Corrin | P6 & P4 |
| Nikki Cooper | Skyla, Lochlan, Phoenix | P5, P3, P1 |
| Gemma Gough | Angus & Maisy | P4 & P2 |
| Martin Rutherford | Zoe & Beth | P3/2 & P1 |
| Pauline Arnot | Ava | P4 |
| Fiona Beveridge | Katie & Erin | P6 & P4 |
| Annette Barlass | Callum | P4 |
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| Co-opted |  |  |
| Barney Todd, Principle Teacher |  |  |
| Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Local Councillor |  |  |
| Jackie Marra, School Secretary |  |  |
| Christine Hay  Bellsquarry Community Council Rep |  |  |

**COMMUNICATION**

Following the communication meeting that all parents were welcome to and invited to input if you were unable to attend, we have come up with the following ways to communicate with parents the work of the Parent Council and how parents can feed back to us. If you have any comments on this, please do not hesitate to come to us with your thoughts and ideas.

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| **Action** | **Carried out by** |
| Noticeboard in school | Nadia will carry this out and keep updated |
| Continue to use the Parent Council Facebook group | Everyone can post with events etc |
| Keep the FB Parent Council Page open – this allows non-parents to see what is happening at the school. This will not be kept up-to-date as much as the group page | Will be updated by Sarah, Jon, Paul, Lorraine, Domhnall. More administrators can be added if required |
| Twitter | Jon Reid |
| PTA App | Martin going to look into this. This is a one-stop app for all things to do with the Parent Council. This would get round parents who are unable to have a facebook account |
| School Email | We will continue to ask the school to email items out for us |
| School groupcall | We will continue to ask the school to send out URGENT ONLY items through groupcall as this can be costly |
| Parent Council Newsletter | Sarah will do this every month and it will go out with the School newsletter by email |
| Parent Council Meeting | All parents are welcome to come to the parent council meeting |
| School Blog  We need to have more info on the blog about parent council including constitution, minutes of meetings, how to get in touch with a PC member, on the blog who PC members are, post photos of fundraising events we do with how much we raised and what it will be spent on. | Bianca & Peter Heggie will look into improving this |
| Nursery – Minutes of meetings need to go up in the Nursery and get a board/ wall space dedicated to PC | **Looking for someone to do this. Would you be able to do it??** |
| Notifications – please set your IT device so that you get notifications when items are posted on the blog and on the FB group & page. We will write up a guide on how to do this | Martin to action |

**Forums that parents can communicate with the PC**

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| **Action** | **Actioned by** |
| Email address that all parents can contact the Parent Council through. pcbellsquarry@gmail.com | Lorraine |
| Posting box in school | Nadia will set up and keep an eye on anything that gets posted on a weekly basis |
| Facebook Group – parents can post | All parents can respond. |
| Facebook Page – Private Message | Sarah, Jon, Paul, Annette, Gemma, Lorraine will respond |
| Speak to a Parent Council Member | Info above as to who is on PC and hope to get this posted on the school blog. |
| Parent Council Meetings | Parents are more than welcome to come along. |

**EVENTS**

* **Halloween Disco** - October 27th - Are there any parents who would be willing to help on the night with this? Please email Sarah sjwhenley@gmail.com
* **Christmas Fayre** – November 25th – If you are able to spare a few hours to help, please email Lorraine on pcbellsquarry@gmail.com
* **Charity Bags to School** – Thursday 3rd November – please bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, hats, bags and sheets to school between 8am-9am on Thursday 3rd November. (no duvets or pillows please) Any questions, please ask Sarah [sjwhenley@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhenley@gmail.com)
* **Christmas Cards Fundraiser** – All parents should have received in their child’s school bag a form to get your child’s own Christmas drawing on Christmas cards or a mug. The mugs would make a super Christmas present for grandparents and relatives, whilst the Christmas cards are an extra special way to wish friends and relatives a wonderful Christmas. It also helps raise money for the school. Please return these forms by 10th October.

In the next newsletter, we should hopefully be able to tell you in full the items that PC are fundraising for. We are just finalising this with the school with regards to items they need/ require and desire.

**CAR PARKING / ROAD SAFETY**

Please be mindful of where you park outside the school during drop-off and pick-up. Please do not park on corners, resident’s driveways, white lines or double park. We are worried for children’s safety and parents and carers are putting children at risk by parking irresponsibly.

If you have any questions or anything you would like to raise with the Parent Council please email [pcbellsquarry@gmail.com](mailto:pcbellsquarry@gmail.com) or email Sarah, Chair of PC [sjwhenley@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhenley@gmail.com)