*Can you help us?*

Kirkhill Primary School – Parent Staff Council

October 2014

Kirkhill Parent Staff Council consists of parents and staff with the following being the current members along with the class that they represent:-

* Kirsty Williamson Nursery
* Kirsty Orr Nursery
* Graeme Barrie Nursery and P2
* Graham Thomson P1
* Kirsty Matthews P1 and P5/4
* Gemma Armstrong P1 and P6
* Helen Outram P2 and P5
* Jackie Bonar P3
* Lesley Spence P4
* Karen Tomczynski P6/5
* Kate Fleming P7T

We would ideally like two parent representatives from each of the classes so if you would like to help out at events, attend meetings or have any questions for us please contact our Chair, Graeme Barrie at psc-chair@kirkhillprimary.com

**2014/15 Meetings of the Parent Staff Council**

* Thursday 28th August 2014
* Thursday 25th September 2014
* Thursday 6th November 2014
* Thursday 15th January 2015
* Thursday 26th February 2015
* Thursday 30th April 2015
* Thursday 4th June 2015

All meetings are due to take place at 7pm in the school staffroom.

**Objectives of the Council**

* Work in partnership to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all parents
* Promote partnership between school, its pupils and all its parents
* Together develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils
* Identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils
* Engage in fund raising events for the benefit of the school

*Fundraising*

**Parking around the school**

With more and more parents and guardians choosing to drive when they pick up and drop off their children, we thought it would be useful to highlight the following tips from the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) which aim to ensure that everyone remains safe during the journey to and from school.

* Don’t compromise your concentration and the safety of other road users by being in a hurry. Leaving the house five minutes earlier changes the nature of how you make the journey.
* Take extra care to compensate for the fact that children won’t always be paying attention, especially when approaching the school gate.
* Never stop on the yellow “zig zags” by the school gate, and always ensure you let your passengers out on the pavement side.
* It’s essential that you slow down and keep an eye out for children crossing the road and emerging from between parked cars.
* New starters in Primary 1 are unlikely to understand the dangers that the road outside their school presents – bear this in mind when driving nearby and keep your eyes peeled for children wandering into the road alone.
* If your children are walking to school on their own, make sure they are aware of potential hazards such as crossing busy roads – encourage them to always use the pedestrian crossing if there is one.

And an extra one specific to Kirkhill:-

* Do not use the staff car park for parking or turning.

In 2013/14 we were involved with the following fundraising events with an indication of the amount of money we raised:-

* Handmade Christmas Cards – £240.50
* Halloween Disco – £291.15
* Christmas Fayre - £1506.93
* Bags2school - £160
* Easter Bingo - £102.00

In 2014/15 we will again organize the Halloween Disco, the Christmas Fayre and Handmade Christmas Cards. We will also be organising Cash 4 Clothes collections and an Easter event. Further details will follow nearer the time.

*How was the Money Raised spent?*

We contributed to the following school events and improvement items from the money raised in 2013/14.

* Lowport P4 trip
* Benmore P5 trip
* Christmas parties
* P7 Christmas trip
* New Sound System
* Books
* Photograph Development/Crafts
* P7 Leaver Ties
* Smart Board Testing and Web Cam