



St Cyrus Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to everyone in the Parent Forum. As you have probably all heard the council are making cutbacks. From reducing the waste collections to reintroducing parking charges in rural areas they are trying to save more money. The allowance for schools is not likely to increase in the near future so the PC will be even more crucial in supplementing the children's education.

This term we are on a recruitment drive! To be able to accurately represent you all, we need input from parents and carers in every walk of life. Your input is invaluable, and whilst some of you may be put off at the thought of joining the Parent Council (PC) we would like to help to dispel a few myths and rumours!

Myth 1 - You must turn up to every meeting and every event that we hold

This is not true. Meetings are arranged in advance and we do take members commitments into consideration, but if you are not able to attend the odd meeting then we will send you the minutes and answer any questions. Members of the PC attend the events that they are able to make. There is no judgement or speculation made. We are really fortunate to have a bank of parents who help out when they can. If you do not want to be an actual member of the PC, but still want to help out occasionally then please get in touch and we can keep you informed.

Myth 2 - Its very time consuming

Again this is not true. You can do as much or as little as you would like

Myth 3 - All we do is fundraising

Not true. We are the link between the school and the parent forum (i.e. you). We get updates on staffing, activity blocks for the school children and we are able to feedback to the staff on anything from the green folders to parent events and communication. We can add any item of interest or concern to the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

Fundraising

Last term was a busy one for fundraising. We took part in the sponsored walk at St Cyrus Beach and managed to raise over £400. This allowed us to give £50 to every class to spend as they wish. The P3 class used it for their enterprise project and turned it into £250! We held the Tesco Bag pack which raised £564. The Christmas Fair raised £1923.73 and the school calendar raised £600

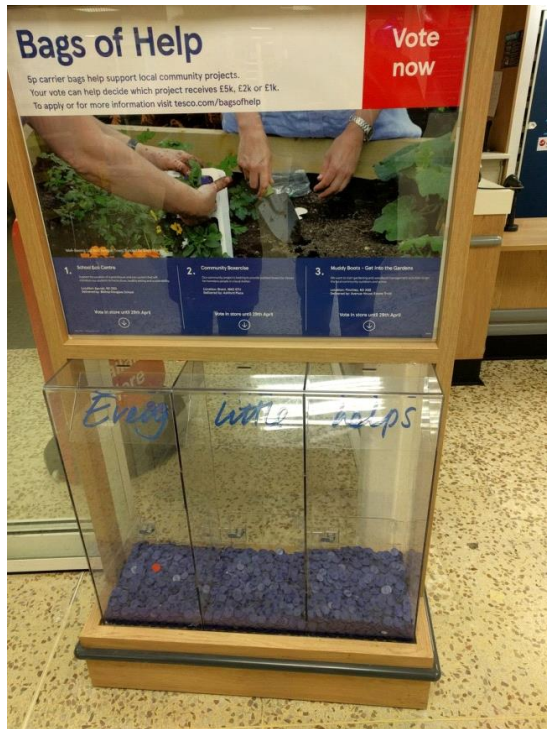
We gave £500 to subsidise the Panto, and also bought the ice cream and party hats for the Christmas meal. The children have however given their feedback that they would prefer Christmas crackers, so we will see what we can do for next year! P7 hoodies have been ordered and should be arriving soon.

Blue Penny Vote at Tesco

You may have seen that we have made it through to the public vote for Bags of Help (blue penny scheme) in Tesco. This is an amazing opportunity to boost our funds without asking for money for once! Please please pop in when you can to cast your vote. If you shop online the cashiers are usually kind enough to give you a few extra when you are in store. We have until the end of February, so don't forget to cast your vote!

If you see any other grants or schemes that we can apply to please let us know. We would much rather complete some paperwork that constantly ask the parents for money. As always if you have any queries or suggestions please get in touch as we would love to hear from you. And if you have even the slightest interest in joining the PC please come along to a meeting or ask for more information as we would be happy to answer any questions.

Our next PC meeting is on Wednesday 6th March at 7pm in the staff room of the school.



We want to hear from you so please contact us!

Do you have any suggestions, ideas, questions or feedback? Please email us at stcyruspc@gmail.com

Also remember to follow our Facebook page
St. Cyrus Parent Council for any other announcements, including up and coming dates for informal
chats over a coffee with cake!

