



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



March 2017

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter which we hope will keep you in touch with news and developments relating to the parent council.

The parent council works alongside the school to support its work with parents and to promote contact between the school, parents, pupils and the wider community. We are always looking for new members and sitting on the council is a great way for parents and carers to contribute to the life of the school.

Over the past few months we have been involved in the review of the schools homework policy, we have consulted on the council's budget proposal and attended the council budget meetings. We are also part of the wider Parent Forum and provide representation at these meetings and events. The parent forum is also a good opportunity for us to meet with other parent councils.



The parent council would like to thank you all for the support that you have showed us with all our events and activities. We couldn't do what we do without the help, support, time, effort and contribution from all our parents, grandparents and carers. Your generous contributions and donations have helped us to raise a fantastic amount of money for the school.

The Halloween disco raised **£542.12**. Back to front day in November raised **£300.89**

The Christmas raffle raised **£540.01**

The 200 club is also a good way to help us to raise funds, if you would like to join you can collect a form from the school or you can drop us an email. Future winners will be announced here.

Last year we were so proud to be able to donate £4,500 to the school and nursery. Some of this money paid for the Christmas pantomime and also funded the buses for the residential and school trips. The nursery used some of the money to purchase equipment which included balancing logs for the children. Polish/English dictionaries were purchased with some of the money.

So a **massive massive** thank you once again, without the help and support from our families we wouldn't be able to do this.

The **fundraising group** is a separate group from the parent council, we have members who sit on both groups but we also have members who only attend the fundraising group. This

group is also looking for new members to come along and help us plan and organise our events, again please get in touch if you want to come along.



UP AND COMING EVENTS



FAMILY NIGHT – this event was cancelled in march due to poor ticket sales and is being rearranged next term, please come along and support this event as it is a good fundraiser for the school.

SUMMER/LEAVERS DISCO

This year we have decided not to have a SUMMER FAYRE but to revert back to the traditional winter fayre which was always a popular event for St Francis, date to be confirmed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson: Catherine Ann Graham

Vice Chair: Linda Crothers

Secretary: Lynne MacKay

Treasurer: Lorraine Hannah

If you have anything you would like discussed at a parent council meeting please come and speak to any of the parent members, or, drop us an email.

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