



# WOODSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Parent Council is a group of parents who attend one meeting per term to arrange fundraising activities and discuss upcoming events within the school. Some of the activities that we have organised are:

- Sports day
- Christmas cards
- Bikeability
- Swimming gala
- School discos
- Race night
- Bag2School
- Summer fayre

All of the money raised through these activities goes back to the school to enhance and support our children's education. At Parent Council meetings we discuss and agree where the money should be spent. This has included:

- Cameras, Kindles, headphones
- Twinkl subscription
- Loose parts play items
- Recording devices
- Money for extras for each class
- P7 leavers' event and subsidised hoodies
- Christmas party and panto snacks
- Annual House prize
- Funds for Science and Food Technology

We are always keen to welcome new parents to our meetings. Details of the next meeting will be posted on our new Parent Council Facebook page and on the school website.

As you will be aware, many of our usual fundraising opportunities will not be possible this year and so we will need to get a little creative. If you have any suggestions for how to raise funds without the need for large gatherings please get in touch with us by email: [woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk).

We are planning to hold a **raffle** in December. There will be one large prize that would make an ideal Christmas present. Tickets will be sold via our Parent Council Facebook page and Twitter. Numbers will be randomly allocated to people on receipt of payment, which will be taken via PayPal. The winning number will be chosen by a random number generator. The Parent Council will send a letter via the ParentPay email at the start of November with full details.

We are still able to sell **Christmas cards** designed by our pupils. The lovely designs will be sent home in school bags as usual and payment for the cards will be organised through ParentPay.

## MRS FARRANCE

Mrs Farrance retired in June after many years at Woodside. On behalf of the wider parent body, the Parent Council gave her a gift voucher for the Auchrannie Spa on the Isle of Arran, where she intends to spend much of her time.



## PRIMARY 7 HOODIES

We are aware that our Primary 7s have missed out on their trip to Lockerbie Manor this year so we are hoping to get their leavers' hoodies earlier than usual to make up for a little of the disappointment.

## UNIFORM

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform items still available. As parents are not allowed in to the school building at this time, please email the Parent Council with details of what you need and sizes and we will liaise with the school. Items will be sent home discretely in school bags.

Email: [woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)

## FACEBOOK

The Parent Council now has a Facebook page. We will use this to pass on information and for some fundraising throughout the year.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

The Parent Council exists to support parents and the school. This role has never been more important, especially as parents are not able to go in to the school building and might not be able to access support from the wider school community in the usual way.

We are not just about fundraising and events. We are here to support all parents through the challenges that Covid-19 continues to bring. Parent Council members are available to talk on the phone if you would like to chat to another parent. We can also provide advice with using Google Classroom. Please get in touch by email in the first instance and we will be happy to help.

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## TEXTILE BANK

Don't forget that we have a textile bank in the car park behind Tesco on Portland Place. If you are having a clear out, you can deposit any unwanted fabric in the bank and all of the money raised will go directly to the school.

