



# Stromness Primary School

## Parent Council Newsletter

Feb 2023

## What is the Parent Council?

The Parent Council is made up of parents who volunteer to support the school and represent the wider Parent Forum. All parents and carers are members of the Parent Forum. There are currently 16 members of the Parent Council representing each class and early learning. The head teacher attends meetings and updates on activities at school. They also answer questions about staffing and teaching.

The Parent Council meets four times a year, usually each term. Meetings have been online but resumed in person at the school in September. Our AGM is in September each year where we elect new members. Our meetings are open to all parents. Class representatives can raise things on your behalf.

We have a constitution and a bank account. Funds are used to support learning, school trips, equipment, materials and the school environment. Our main fund-raising events are the winter fayre and a bingo night. Thanks to all those who help!

## Aims

- to support the work of the school and to help make it a welcoming place for children and parents alike
- by our actions to support the education and welfare of the pupils
- to find out the views of parents on all aspects of the education and support the school provides.

## What are your priorities for the school?

## What would you like to see more / less of at the school?

Please email us or contact your class rep.



## Activities

### *Fund raising:*

Bingo Night March 22 = £991.50

Climate Café Sept 22 = £177.50

Winter Fayre Dec 22 = £2188.74

Current reserves = £6950.66

### *Things supported:*

Seesaw (subs) £355 (22), £765 (23)

20 hard cases for new iPads £545

Netball kits £330

Teacher event £200

Magazines for library £180

Teacher resources £950

Playground activity boxes £520

P7 leaving trip £250

Picnic benches (2020) £1000

Coming soon: we are supporting the school to replace the old website. We will provide more regular updates to parents.

# Parent Council Projects

## Travel plan & safe routes to school

Stromness Primary School ran a survey for parents in 2021 to help update the school travel plan. The results were encouraging and show that a significant proportion of pupils / parents walk / cycle / scooter to school (67% of responses). 74% say this would be their preferred transport, with most living close to the school within 2 miles (59% of responses).

Safety concerns included: speed of traffic, narrow or lack of pavements, crossing busy roads, entrances and busy junctions, riding bikes on paths.

PC member / class rep	Class
Donna-Kim Martin	ELC
Katie Harvey	ELC
Calum Miller (Vice Chair)	P1/2
Iain Nicoll	P1/2
Shona Brown (Secretary)	P2/3
Isla Wishart	P2/3
Dawn Hutcheon	P3/4
Michelle Garson	P3/4
Stephen Shorter	P3/4
Candy Adamson	P4/5
Karen Bevan	P4/5
Luisa Perez Milne	P4/5
Dan Lee (Chair)	P6
Hanna Gray	P6
Elaine Richardson (Treasurer)	P7
Elsbeth McLellan	P7

### Are you new to the school?

Please get in touch if you would like any advice or support.

The new travel plan has finally been agreed with OIC, but without Ferry Road becoming a new designated 'safe route to school' as we had requested. We think safe routes to school should reflect the routes that are used. The Parent Council are working with the school, councillors and other community organisations to explore improvements to existing routes and Ferry Road. We will keep you updated on any progress. Get in touch if you would like to help!

### Things we are working on:

- Millennium Wood – can this area by the school car park be accessed and used better by the school?
- School pond – clear out and help the school use this area.
- Communication - how the school communicates with parents (Seesaw, website). How the Parent Council can better communicate with parents.
- Review of Parent Council – after a few challenging years the Parent Council is looking at what it does, how it operates, beyond fund raising. What are your priorities?

Would you like to join the Parent Council?

**We'd love  
to hear  
from you!**

Please email us or speak to your class rep. Come to a meeting! We can send you an MS Teams link if you can't make it in person.

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