



# Stromness Primary School

## Parent Council Newsletter

Feb 2024

## Winter fayre

The winter fayre (11 Nov) was a real success again this year, with a wonderful atmosphere, fantastic stalls and abundance of cakes! It raised an impressive **£2224.36** which will be used to support the school. It's the main fundraiser for the year. Many thanks to all those who came along, helped set up and baked!

## Parent survey

We have been asking parent's views, with stalls at the recent Open Evening, Winter Fayre and an online survey:

What would you like to see more / less of at the school?  
What does the school do well / could do better?  
What is your No 1 priority for the school?

Turn over to see the initial results of the survey .....

## Travel plan

A new travel plan is nearing completion and a new process is being developed with OIC to implement actions. Following the parent travel to school survey, Ferry Road was recognized as a main route to school, but one that has safety issues. The PC has worked with the school and council to develop a new plan following an audit of Ferry Road. First steps will be to improve the old ferry waiting lane area, with the aim to agree longer term improvements in 2024.

**Are you new to the school?** Please get in touch if you would like any advice or support.

**Would you like to join the Parent Council?** We recruit new members at the AGM in September.



## Activities

### *Fund raising:*

Winter Fayre Nov 22 = £2224.36

Peedie pudding sponsors (Grays Associates & Argos) = £400.00

Current reserves = £6644.38

### *Things supported:*

Seesaw (subs) £765.00

Netball kits £330.00

Magazines for library £180

Teacher resources £50.41

Peedie pudding costs £357.00

Tablet cases £545.03

Coming soon: play equipment

**Visit the new  
school website!**

<https://www.stromnessps.uk>

Over 3400 views! Supported by the Parent Council.

# Parent survey

We've had responses from a third of parents so far and here is a taster of some of the main themes...

What's Going Well?	What Could be Improved	Want to see More of	Want to see Less of
<p><b>Welcoming environment and atmosphere.</b> Teachers are approachable. Mrs Bruce' warm, accessible and engaged leadership.</p> <p><b>Communication on Seesaw is good</b>, but it could be improved as some messages can get missed.</p>	<p><b>Disruptive behaviour and bullying</b> is a common concern for parents.</p> <p><b>Playground facilities</b> could be improved</p> <p><b>Homework</b> is basic and repetitive.</p> <p><b>Breakfast or after school club</b> to help working parents.</p> <p><b>Lunches</b> offer less choice and poorer quality</p>	<p><b>Opportunities for parents to participate in school life.</b></p> <p><b>Trips &amp; engagement with wider community</b></p>	<p><b>Less screen time</b> (poki, sumdog, TV, laptops)</p>

We will run a specific survey to establish the interest in breakfast and after school clubs.

PC members (18)	Class
Katie Harvey	ELC
Donna-Kim Martin	ELC
Scott Tulloch	P1
Magdalena Bishop	P1
Calum Miller (Vice Chair)	P2
Iain Nicoll	P2
Shona Brown	P3
Karen Bevan (Secretary)	P3
Morgan Wright	P3
Isla Wishart	P4
Aimée Nourse	P4
Stephen Shorter	P5
Dawn Hutcheon	P5
Michelle Garson	P5
Candy Adamson	P6
Elaine Richardson (Treasurer)	P6
Dan Lee (Chair)	P7
Hanna Gray	P7

## Things we are working on:

- Bullying and disruptive behaviour - this is a high priority for the Parent Council. OIC have been working on new guidance for schools' anti-bullying policies, and we will work closely with the new headteacher to create a new anti-bullying policy for the school. We will ensure the voices of children and parents are heard in writing the new policy.
- Playground equipment – working with the school to replenish activity boxes, new equipment and provide new play areas.
- School pond – we are arranging workday to tidy up the pond area. Would you like to help?
- Millennium Wood – can this area by the school car park be accessed and used better by the school?

**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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