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CLERMISTON PARENT COUNCIL: HELP US WORK WITH THE SCHOOL AND EDINBURGH CITY COUNCIL TO GET WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR KIDS

Clermiston Parent Council is the most effective way to get your concerns and suggestions heard and discussed by the school and other parents, and is open to everyone who has a child at the school. Come and share your vision and hopes for the school, or just come along and observe if that suits you better. We're all about finding solutions for our children's issues, not griping about problems – and working with other Parent Councils in the Royal High Cluster (Cramond, Davidsons Mains and Blackhall) and onward to Edinburgh City Council if need be. And with fundraising a core part of our Council, you can contribute in the way that suits you!

WHAT IS A PARENT COUNCIL ISSUE?

An issue that should be raised with The Parent Council is one that has the potential to affect every child in the school. If your issue is specific only to your child, please take it up with your child's teacher in the first instance, then onward to the Headteacher if need be. There is an Ask The Headteacher function on the School website if you are unable to meet in person. If your issue or query is more general, staff in the Office might be able to help you.

The Parent Council meets every 6–8 weeks in Room 8 at School. Or you can email us anytime at clermistonparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

It would be great to have representation from parents from every year in the School, so if you've ever fancied getting involved, now is the time!

We also have our very own Parent Council Facebook Page. Here you'll find all the information about school trips, events etc that might not have made it home, as well as updates on Lost Property or information that affects school and the wider community. You can find us on Facebook at **Clermiston Primary Parent Council**.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Monday 13th January 2020**
- **Monday 24th February 2020**
- **Monday 27th April 2020**
- **Monday 25th May 2020 – AGM**
- **Saturday 13th June 2020 – Summer Fair**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2019 – WE NEED YOU!

This year's Christmas Fayre is taking place on Saturday 7th December, from 10am–12 noon and is one of the biggest events in the School fundraising calendar. It consistently raises funds of over £2,000 to help enhance the quality of our children's school and nursery experience – just take a look at the list (overleaf) to see where the funds raised go.

But these events don't run themselves! Would you be able to contribute to its success?

We need:

- Help on the day
- Donations of home baking
- Donations of used school uniform
- Donations for the tombola
- Donations for the raffle

You can drop donations into the office up until Friday 6th December.

If you are able to help on the day, please drop us a line at clermistonparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk and we'll put you in touch with this year's Fayre Co-ordinator, Mel Ruxton. Mel has co-ordinated many of these amazing events before and this will be her last one, so let's all pull together and make it a great one!



In the last year the Parent Council chose to fund the following items for our school:

1. Christmas show coach hire
2. Steve the Drummer for the P7 Camp
3. Living Eggs (Easter chicks)
4. P7 leavers school tie
5. P1 homework school bags
6. P1 wet playtime DVDs
7. Clermiston school spa
8. iPads
9. PE resources
10. Lego boxes
11. Conifox Nurseries trip
12. Playground equipment
13. P7 disco lights
14. Six Bikeability bikes and helmets
15. Pupil council trip to the Filmhouse
16. Portable food trolley
17. Shelving units
18. Nursery story sacks
19. Additional Living Eggs funding
20. £100 funding for every class

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported and raised funds!

SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE AND PARKING NEAR SCHOOL



Clermiston is an ever-growing school, and it is heartening to see so many parents respecting the School Streets Initiative and keeping Parkgrove Place and Parkgrove Terrace clear at the restricted times:

08:20 – 09:00 & 14:50 – 15:30 Monday–Thursday
and **08:20 – 09:00 & 12:10 – 12:40 Friday.**

However, there are still some cars entering during these times.

The children are becoming used to these streets being quieter and many of them now play football, scoot, or cycle on the roads. By disregarding these restrictions, drivers who enter these streets are potentially putting children in danger. Please respect the rules and park outside the restricted zone.

The situation is made worse, on both sides of the school, by those who park on the zigzags outside school and/or leave their engines running. You are putting children's health at risk as well as their safety.

We want everyone to get to school quickly and effectively. Please consider other children and parents as well as you and yours.

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIFORM

All school and nursery uniform can be ordered online, from Border Embroideries, through the link on the Uniform page on the school website. Delivery is £2.99, or free on orders over £45. Those unable to access the internet, or using clothing vouchers, should request an order form from the school office. Return the form, with full payment, to the office.

PARENT PAY

As many of you know by now, school dinners must be ordered and paid for via ParentPay, an online resource. Even if your child is eligible for free school dinners, you still have to order them through ParentPay. Please remember that orders for the following week need to be taken and processed/paid for by MIDNIGHT on the Wednesday before.

Although there is an option to load money into your account and keep it there, please note that there is no need for you to this unless you choose to – you can order for as many weeks as you want and pay using your debit card.

All communication from School is now sent via ParentPay. A lot of information about school trips – and in fact, the way you now pay for them – will be sent to you via the ParentPay portal. You can set ParentPay to send you notifications of any emails that will be sent to you.

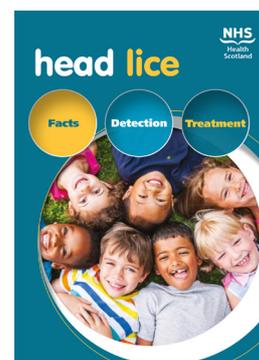
LOST PROPERTY



Please label all clothes, coats, shoes and lunchboxes. Regularly check the lost property box for missing items. Please try to keep the box tidy. The school does not have the space to store a huge amount of lost items, or the resource to sort it frequently. Unclaimed lost property will be donated to the rag bin on the first Wednesday of March, May and at the end of June.

HEAD LICE

Head lice is a common problem in every school, and can be a real pain to deal with if your child becomes infested. Check your child regularly for nits and lice. NHS Scotland has produced a leaflet that can help. Here is the link:



www.healthscotland.com/documents/25.aspx