

Crawforddyke Parent Council Newsletter – June 2018 (Edition 6)

Wow... the end of term is nigh! Where has the time gone?

As a Parent Council we've had a great year, we kicked off in Oct with the Halloween Disco, December we had our very successful Christmas fair; and it has been pretty full on since with the Valentines disco, Sponsored Bounce and we are currently in full swing with the final preparations for the Gala day. There's been a lot of behind the scenes stuff going on as well; it's not all about the funds we raise; that's a big part yes, but it's also about supporting the school and getting the best outcomes for our Children and Crawforddyke as a whole... So as this session comes to a close we look forward to August and doing it all again; something that is only possible with your support, thanks for all your support this year.

Lesley Mooney, Chair

Fundraising Update

Our fundraising this year has enabled us to keep the cost of the Gala Day down for everyone. With c210 pupils and staff / helpers taking part this year we are hoping that the sun shines and that Carluke come out in force to support us on the day and to cheer on our Primary entry, '**The Crawforddyke Tall stars**', and our Nursey who are '**The Crawforddyke Small Stars**'.

2017/2018 Donations

We have already been able to donate a whopping £3,000 to the school. These funds have been used to subsidise school trips and help with the cost of the upcoming prize giving (awards, medals, trophies etc.). This also includes the cost of the P7 Oscar's evening. Some of the funds have also been invested in outdoors play materials for the Nursey. This supports the initiative on Loose Parts Play, with children given access to a range toys made of natural materials, such as wooden counting disc, story stones etc.

Your continued support is invaluable to Crawforddyke.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings:

Our AGM will be held **on Tuesday 4th Sep at 7:30pm** which follows the P1 Curriculum Evening (6 -7.15pm)

We are still finalising our meeting dates for the next School session but provisionally we have set the following dates for our first couple of meetings as follows:

- Monday 8th October
- Wednesday 7th November

Hopefully by holding our meetings on different nights this will help widen the opportunities for people to be able to attend as per the recent survey feedback.

Our general meetings are held in the school staff room; we encourage everyone to get involved, and we would love to see you there. Everyone is welcome. There is no pressure to commit to regular attendance; however new members are welcomed.

We hope to see some new faces next term....

Other News

At our last meeting it was voted on and decided to change the name of the Parent Council going forward. This will be effective from the start of the new term in August when we rebrand and will be called "**Crawforddyke Helping Hands**". We wanted a less formal title going forward and ultimately we want to be more approachable and welcoming.

This also helps to tie in with the many 'Parent helpers' that the school have and we will be ordering some Lanyards branded with "Crawforddyke Helping Hands" to help with identification of members and helpers at our future events.

The launch of our 'Parent & Carers of Crawforddyke' Facebook page has been well received; we have 168 members to the group so far; please continue to spread the word and if there is anything you wish to raise please do so through the page. We want to be able to improve our communications and hope that the page will support this going forward.

Top Secret News! - We are assisting and supporting with the preparations for a very special thanksgiving and recognition assembly for a very special person, whose work with the school has been incredible over the past years... We don't want to let the cat out the bag so keep an ear to the ground for further news about this...

And finally...

Thank You

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone that has contributed this year, especially those who have given up their own time to help with events and preparations.

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