

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone that was at Innerwick Primary School last year and a warm welcome to all those whose children have recently joined the school. We may be a small school but feel we have a lovely sense of community and support surrounding the school.

### **The Role of the Parent Council**

The PC represents the parents and carers of children at Innerwick Primary School. We help to support school improvements (via fundraising and contributions to the school improvement plan), communications and provide partnership links between the parents, school and local community. We work closely with the school and parent forum to ensure parents views are represented and information is fed back in an accessible way.

### **Communication**

The PC has several ways of communicating with the parents:

**Facebook:** our Facebook page 'Innerwick Primary Parent Council' is used to share information issued by the school as well as details of fundraising events etc. All parents/carers are welcome to join.

**Email:** We appreciate not all parents are on Facebook so regular emails go out via the school with information.... We also have our own email [innerwickpc@hotmail.com](mailto:innerwickpc@hotmail.com) for any parent who would like to contact us or raise any matters with us directly.

### **Fundraising and Events**

During the school year, we plan various events to raise funds to benefit the children and also plan social events to bring the parents/carers together. Due to covid, these events have been somewhat limited but in the last year we have still managed to achieve a lot.

#### **2020/2021 Just some of the highlights**

- We funded new books and resources for each class
- Bought new sports equipment
- Provided each child with a Halloween treat bag and pumpkin for carving
- Subsidised a leavers event at Foxlake and meal for the P7's
- Hosted a successful raffle that the whole community supported
- Funded equipment to support outdoor learning and improve the outdoor areas

We also apply for local grants. In 2020/2021 these were sought to make a new path to allow for social distancing, provide additional clothing for the children when required, buy robot accessories for the whole school to utilise, buy a washing machine and drying racks for the nursery, buy various items for the school grounds to improve the gardens and support outdoor learning. We are hugely grateful for the support of ASDA, BeGreen and EDF Torness.

### **Meetings**

The Parent Council meet 1-2 times per term (at the moment the meetings are held over online but we hope to be able to meet in person again soon). Please note you don't have to be member of the PC to attend so come along and share your ideas with us!

**We would encourage everyone to get involved in the school community. Your support, ideas and input, no matter how big or small will always be welcomed and will be hugely appreciated.**

**Our AGM is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6pm, we hope to see you there!**