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## Ormiston Primary School Parent Council

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As we all prepare for summer sunshine and holiday breaks, your Parent Council would like to look back at some of the highlights of last year, let you know what we are currently up to and what to look forward to next term.

### **Goodbyes and a Hello**

Firstly, good luck to all the P7s as they move on to Ross High. They've been great to have around the school over the last few years and we're sure they will have a great time at their new school. We look forward to hearing all about their successes in the years ahead.

Over the year the school roll has dropped and unfortunately this means that there is no longer enough children to support having a deputy head teacher. With much regret we must say goodbye to Mrs Burton who will be moving on to another school. We'd like to wish her all the best in her next role – she has certainly left her mark in Ormiston.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Claire and Rebecca who will be leaving the parent council later in the year. They have contributed a huge amount to the parent council and will be very much missed.

Finally, thank-you to Miss Dunn, who has been attending the parent council meetings as the Teacher Representative.

### **Fundraising**

Over the last year, with your generosity, we have raised well over £3000 for the school. This money goes towards a variety of items such as playground equipment, musical instruments or technology such as Chrome books. Your contributions at the various events really do make a difference to the equipment that is available in school.

We know everyone enjoys the class assemblies and hearing what the children have been learning. In the year ahead we hope to put our fundraising activities towards a new sound system that can be used during these.

Film Nights – This year we have run another couple of film nights, which are always popular with the children. We're not sure how much of the film gets watched but the ice cream is certainly a hit! It's great to see so many children turning up and enjoying the night and we'd love to get suggestions for more films that can be shown.

Christmas Shopping Night – This year's event was bigger than before, taking up every room of the Ormiston Community Centre with every stall being booked. Thanks to all who came along and made this a great night. There was no shortage of mulled wine and mince pies to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Let us know if you, or someone you know, would be interested in a stall as they book up fast. You can get in touch via our Facebook page (<http://www.tinyurl.com/opspc>) or in person.

Charitable status – We are very grateful to the Red House Home Trust who donated £215. There seems to be a reasonable number of funds that can be applied for to pay for specific equipment, so we hope to get some more funding in over the next year.

### **The year ahead**

Moving in to the new term we will continue to work with the school to support the education of children of Ormiston Primary. As well as promoting wider information and initiatives, we continue to plan fundraising events.



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School Fayre – We hope everyone who came to this year’s school fayre had a fantastic time, and thankfully the weather was good to us! We try to vary the format and activities from year to year so there is always something new to do or see. This year’s addition of “Marksman” and the “Cube” were popular but if anyone has any ideas that can be added to the old favourites such as secret jars and toy stalls, let us know.

The plan is to have this year’s fayre on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** so get the date in your diaries! The day only succeeds on the back of your support so please let us know if you are able to help on the day or are able to donate any raffle prizes. We will be asking for helpers nearer the date, but to help with planning and working out what we can put on, the earlier we know who can help, the better.

Family Quiz Night – We are planning to hold a family quiz night on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Community Centre. Our fiendish quizmaster is busy preparing an evening of brainteasing questions that the whole family can enjoy. We will supply more details closer to the time, but start getting your team name organized now!

### **New members**

We are always looking for new members to join, particularly as we welcome new children and parents to the school. Hopefully everyone received the leaflet we produced explaining a bit about what the parent council is, and what we do, but if you haven’t let us know and we will provide a copy.

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August at 7pm in the school staff room and we’d love to see some new faces, even if you just want to see what goes on. Everyone is most welcome! We are aiming to alternate nights between Tuesday and Wednesday, so please come along if you can. We meet around 6 times a year and it’s a great opportunity for to get involved with the school and get your opinions heard.

We have planned a fundraising meeting on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 7pm at the Coalgate if you are able to come along and share some ideas or help with the organisation of the various events.

### **Stay up to date**

Be sure to “like” our Facebook page, Ormiston Primary School Parent Council – <http://www.tinyurl.com/opspc>. This is the quickest and easiest way to keep up to date with all the latest news and events. You are also welcome to post any parent queries you have to us here, which we will raise at the next meeting if you’re not able to attend yourself.

You can also email [parentcouncil@ormiston.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@ormiston.elcschool.org.uk), and of course you can always grab one of us in the playground – photos of the parent council members should be appearing in the school entrance so you know who to look out for.

Thanks again for all your support, queries and feedback throughout the year. Have a fantastic summer holiday.