

Dear Parent/Carers

So we are back to school, hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that your children are set for the terms ahead. For any new families to the school I am Jacqueline Rinchey, Chair of the parent council, Mum to Edan P5 and Aisling P2.

Office Bearers of the parent council at present are Heather Pippia (Secretary), Glenn Innes(Communications), Keith Thomson (Treasurer) and Jill Christie (Parent Rep Coordinator).

What the parent council does:

- enables parents to meet, share ideas and feed back to the school
- gives parents a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making
- helps develop a partnership between parents and school
- consults parents and advises the school leadership and/or governing body of parents' views.
- The Parent Council is accountable to Parent Forum (ALL parents and carers of Broomhill School) – minutes and agendas will be posted on the Broomhill School website (<http://broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/parents/pta-newsletters/>).

What the PTA does:

- Organises fundraising events, Christmas and Spring Fayres being the main events.
- Organises social events for both pupils and also for the wider school community.
- Provides support for various events such as Trip and Tea, Torchlight Service and P1 induction events.

The fundraising recently had provided the wildlife garden, outdoor play equipment, science resources and reading books. We have just paid £30,000 to upgrade the senior library and buy books for the library. We have agreed to use what was the transport budget to pay for the Education City software licence. We also support the Football teams at Broomhill. Ideas for using further fundraising are upgrade to the gym hall and astro-turfing the woodies.

The next meeting is on 12th September from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the GP room at Broomhill School.

The draft agenda for this meeting is:

- **Focus for the year**
- **Head teachers update**
- **Where to meet/when & how often**
- **Setting up a Christmas Fayre group**
- **PTA calendar of events (Disco/Trip and Tea/Torchlit Service)**

The Parent Council / PTA meets approximately 6 times a year so the time involved is minimal. If you would like to communicate any ideas or contact the Parent Council to bring up an item for discussion, then the email address is pcbroomhill@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Jacqueline Rinchey