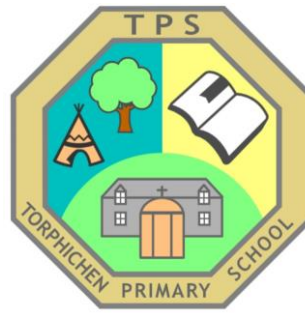


**Torphichen Nursery Class**



## Torphichen Parent Council

### What is a Parent Council?

A Parent Council is a group of parents who represent all the parents and carers of children at the school.

Parent Councils can:

- Provide a voice for parents and carers in schools on issues that are important to them and their children
- Help the school to understand how to most effectively involve families in their children's learning and in the life of the school
- Support the school and headteacher in developing strong home/school partnerships
- Support the school in its development and improvement, and in understanding and making links with the wider community
- Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.
- Help to create an environment where parents and carers know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward

Everyone benefits (children, parents, carers and teachers) when families and schools work effectively together to support learning.

Source: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/getting-involved/parent-councils/About%20parent%20councils>

### Our Parent Council

Our Parent Council has 4 office bearing roles. These are the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Our current office bearers are:

**Suzanne Crookston**

**Chair**

**Karen Thomas**

**Vice Chair**

**Catherine Murray**

**Treasurer**

**Nicola Smith**

**Secretary**

### Fundraising

A very important part of our Parent Council is fundraising for the school. All ideas and help are welcomed and appreciated.

We are working to create a Fundraising Volunteer Group to help with fundraising event ideas, plan events and attend them. Get in touch with us if you could help.

Previous years funds have been used for both large and small projects with the most recent purchase being furniture and accessories for a new zone in the school. We hope to raise as much funds as possible going forward!

One of our larger fundraising events last school year was the Football Tournament. We had a great turn out and raised **£196.20!**

### Parent Council Calendar (Aug-Dec)

- Bake Sale & Football Tournament at the Community Centre (Sat, 30 Sept)
- Halloween sweets for sale (1 Oct - 31 Oct = not during holidays)
- Halloween Flower Workshop in the Community Centre (Sun, 22 Oct)
- Halloween Trail (Sat, 28 Oct - Tues, 31 Oct)
- Donut Friday (Fri, 24 Nov)
- Donut Friday (Fri, 10 Nov)
- Christmas Afternoon in the Community Centre (Sat, 2 Dec)

## Get Involved

We would love for you to get involved in the Parent Council!

You can be involved in a variety of ways; an office bearing role, attending meetings, fundraising or just supporting the fundraising events and projects.

## Parent Council Meetings

We meet once a term to discuss what the Parent Council is planning, it is also a chance to see what's happening in the school and raise any questions. We understand diaries are full but it's always great to see as many parents along as possible. Everyone is welcome! These are shown in the school calendar. If you can't make the meetings but would like us to share something on your behalf then please contact one of the Parent Council office bearers.

### **Next meeting:**

- **Shown on the school calendar**

All meetings are held in the school. Start time will be 6.30pm unless otherwise notified.

## Contact Us

If you want to get in touch with the Parent Council please speak to one of the office bearers at the school gates or contact Suzanne on 07590626742. You can also contact any of us through the parent Facebook page.

Thank you 😊

Suzanne Crookston (Chairperson)