



**Torphichen Primary School**  
**Parent Council Newsletter**  
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## Torphichen Parent Council

Meeting once a term we get together for discussion; find out what the TPC is planning, 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 as we really appreciate your input.

### Next meetings

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Note this meeting will also double as our AGM)**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**All meetings will be held at 6.30pm in the school with a drop in session with Ms Ferguson available from 6pm.**

## Fundraising

A very important part of the Parent council is fundraising for the school. Anyone can get involved in fundraising with all ideas and help welcomed and appreciated. Previous large projects have included the Playground equipment and Library furniture but we also have paid for smaller items in the past and this term has also seen some resources for the garden purchased to support our school with their outdoor learning.

We will continue to raise funds towards the School and Nursery wish lists;

For the school the top of this list is the Projector screen and mount for the existing set up in the dining hall. Also on the wish list is some help towards outdoor resources and a new shed as the existing one is in disrepair after the recent storms. There is also some talk of an outdoor classroom area, sound like an exciting and very useful resource, watch this space.

For the nursery they are also following the outdoor theme with some help towards outdoor and garden resources as they build on their outdoor space and vegetable garden.

### Dainty Designz – personalised school items

The fundraising committee have teamed up with Dainty Designz (local company) to offer discounted prices on personalised items such as school bags, lunch bags, pencil cases etc. TPC also receive a small amount from products ordered. Look out for an email or the FB post pinned on the parent's page. **Orders to be in by 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

### Source of funds

We are always looking for new ways to raise funds and we need your help! Some large employers have schemes to donate to local causes or match what we raise in an event so do let us know if your employer can help out.

### Grants – we need your help!

Would you like to be our Grants co-ordinator? Local and national businesses often have grants or donation award schemes available, we can register or apply for their help. Of course there is high demand so a dedicated grant lead or team would be a great help. Please let us know if this could be you!

## Miscellaneous

The HMI and Care Inspectorate inspections for both the School and Nursery were completed in April, the initial feedback to the school was very positive and the full Inspection report is now published and can be found at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/west-lothian/5508126>

## **School Clubs**

Working with the school the TPC would like to help coordinate some extra-curricular school clubs and teams. Being able to offer school clubs out-with of core hours is additional work and time. There is some scope for the teaching staff to offer some of this time, the option to utilise parents and others outside of this would be greatly beneficial.

So do you have a skill or know someone who does who could commit to a club; a set time such as 6 weeks after school/during lunchtime or an ongoing club? Depending on the activity and timings it may be in the school or make use of community centre, if available.

Look out for an email survey from school on this and please let us know and help provide some extra-curricular activities for our school.

**Note** PVG checks would be required but this is easy and forms can be picked up from Mrs Callan in the school office.

## **Dates for your Diary**

*Nursery Graduation*

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm

*P7 Leavers Assembly*

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

*Nursery Fun Day*

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

*School Fun Day*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

*Dress Down Day*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Children are invited to dress down for £1 per pupil, all money raised will go to Parent Council Funds, children who don't want to participate can continue in their sportswear.

*Next TPC meeting (and AGM)*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30pm in the school – everyone welcome! A drop-in session with Ms Ferguson is also available from 6pm in the school prior to the meeting starting.

## **Contact Us**

If you want to get in touch with TPC, please speak to a member of the team at the school gates, Facebook message or email us at: [torphichenparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:torphichenparentcouncil@outlook.com).

**Wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday.**



With kindest regards,  
Susan Campbell (TPC Chairperson)