

# Newark Primary Parent Council Newsletter

## December 2012



Merry Christmas to all Parents, Carers and Pupils!

We have not published a Newsletter for a while and aim to publish these more often in the future therefore we'd like to take the opportunity to give you a brief update on the work of the Council.



Some of you may ask, why have a Parent Council? and what is its purpose?, below are the main reasons and what we try to achieve.

- \* Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning – when parents are involved children and young people do better and achieve more.
- \* To work together with everyone involved in school life – parents, learners, teachers, school staff and the wider community – to support the school.
- \* To make sure that all parents have a say in their children's education – and are able to express their views and wishes.
- \* To build links and involve parents with the wider learning community – nurseries and pre-school groups, other schools and services.
- \* To listen to what parents want the Parent Council to do and report back to the Parent Forum on your activities and how they can get involved.



If you wish to get involved or be a Parent Council member then please contact the school, email address over the page or speak to one of the new office bearers that were elected for 2012/13 below:

**Chair - Alan Redpath**

**Depute Chair - Joan Diamond**

**Secretary - Donna Hendry**

**Treasurer - Gillian Rodgers**

The full member list is visible on the Parent Council notice board which can be found at the main entrance to the school, just to the right as you enter the external door.





Please be aware that we now have our own dedicated contact email address for the Parent Council, it is **[newarkparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newarkparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)**. If you wish to contact us directly then please use this email, it is monitored daily only by the council.



We also have a suggestion box which is located at the main reception. In addition to the email address please feel to use this for any suggestions that you may have, again this is checked regularly.



All members of the Parent Council wish to extend a huge thank you to all of those who helped, contributed and supported recent fundraising events, your efforts really are appreciated by both the school and council. Below are some of the items that you have or will help fund for the school!!!

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| * Primary 7 Dance                      | Trophies           | Book Bags          |
| * Pantomime                            | Medals for Jubilee | Halloween Party    |
| * War of Independence - Play for a Day |                    | Packed Lunch Cages |



Active Schools Co-Ordinator Paul McGivern recently attended one of our council meetings where he gave an excellent presentation on the work of Active Schools. Several ideas and opportunities were discussed to actively promote and increase these activities within Newark Primary. If you would like more information or you wish to get involved you can contact Paul directly at the details below:

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Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2013 !

Look out for our next newsletter in the New Year