



ELRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL – September 2018

Back to school and the summer of sport is over. If your household was anything like mine, you were keeping more than half an eye on the Football World Cup, despite Scotland not qualifying this year. I drew Brazil in the office sweepstake – a fairly safe bet to keep me interested in the footie for a while, or so I thought. Congratulations to the Scottish women's team who will qualify for France next year, carrying the hopes of a nation.

In some respects, our school community is a little like a football team. Whilst the teachers are on the front line, scoring goals for the education of our children, there is a whole support team behind them. From the fantastic cleaners and the janitor who help maintain a healthy & safe environment for our children to learn; to the tireless team of cooks in the kitchen; and the office staff responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the team. The teaching staff is bolstered by an army of parent volunteers who help in the library, accompany classes on trips, help run the clubs....and many more activities.

In the Parent Council, school supporters have an opportunity to help make a real difference. This group of parents meets monthly with the Head Teacher and local councillors to hear school updates and to help provide much needed fundraising to deliver necessary resources. In the past year, the parent council has funded: software to enable mailing list texts and emails; replacement iPads; buses to events; classroom resources and many other contributions. You can support the Parent Council by:

- Joining as an ordinary member
- Standing as an Office Bearer (Chair/Co-Chair; Secretary; Vice Secretary; Treasurer)
- Offering your talents on an ad hoc basis
- Becoming a 'Class Rep' and providing feedback between the Parent Council and the wider parent forum

We appreciate that school community is full of incredibly talented (and busy!) parents, grandparents are relatives. If you're able to offer your time and talents from time to time, we'd love to hear from you. You call the shots – tell us what you can do and how much time you have to offer. For example, we need people who are:

- Physically strong...and don't mind helping set up/take down the Fun Day
- Practically minded....and can help provide an extra pair of hands at the disco
- Well organised....and can lead a small team for Fun Day or can organise a small fundraising event
- Well connected....and can help support our fundraising events
- Available through the day....and can deliver bags2school, spere books etc to classrooms
- Creative...and can bake/design/generate ideas
- IT literate....and can help us manage social media and our communications
- Strong in administrative skills....to help run events behind the scenes

Why not come along to our AGM on 19th September at 6.30pm to find out more? We'd love to meet you!

Best wishes,

The Elrick Primary School Parent Council

