

# NEWSLETTER

## Heriot Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

### Maths Week Scotland

The Parent Council would like to recognise the amazing achievement of pupils [and staff!] of the P5-7 class coming first (out of 6240 classes) in the National SumDog Maths Week Scotland competition.

Well done everyone!

### WhatsApp group

Just a reminder that the Parent Council has a new WhatsApp group for sharing chat and info.

Please contact Steff if you'd like to be added to this group.

### Mini Book Bank

The Mini Book Bank now has a bike trailer (thanks to Heriot C.C.) and is delivering books most weekends (weather dependant!) around the Heriot area. Get in touch through the Heriot Book Bank Facebook page for more details.

It was also an amazing opportunity to have a virtual author visit from Alastair Chisholm to Mini Book Bank & Heriot Primary during Book Week Scotland (thanks to funding from the FM Reading Challenge) - the children asked him some fantastic questions.



## The year of 2020



It has been the most intense year for everyone but a special thanks to all parents for the contribution that you have made towards supporting your child/ren through lockdown and the Parent Council during the past year. Thanks also to teachers and those involved in the vital work of the Heriot Country Kids AfterSchool Club in the past year with all the extra challenges that the Covid pandemic has brought - it really is hugely appreciated.

The Parent Council Committee have been having ongoing discussions with the Education Department of Scottish Borders Council [alongside Stow and Fountainhall P.S. Parent Councils] regarding the decision to amalgamate the current Headship to include Heriot, Fountainhall & Stow Primary Schools. All three Parent Councils are pressing Scottish Borders Council for a formal consultation period to gain parental views before a decision is reached.

If you have any feedback regarding this change please get in contact with us (either by email to Steff or through the WhatsApp group).

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for 20th January -all parents are very welcome.





## Heriot Santa Dash

The children's Santa Dash will be held at school on Thursday 3rd Dec to allow them to complete it with their friends. This Santa Dash has a suggested donation of £3 payable in cash on the day to the school - we would be very grateful for this but all children will be able to participate regardless. Entry includes a Santa hat and there are prizes for fastest runner and best Christmas outfit so please send kids in Christmas attire if possible.

The adult Santa Dash will be a virtual event and participants are asked to complete a 5k distance over the course of the weekend Friday 4th - Sunday 6th Dec. It can be completed at any location (even on a treadmill) so please share far and wide.

Local folk have the option of setting off from Macfie hall in the direction of Innerleithen and a Santa hat will mark the 2.5km mark. Dressing up is encouraged but not essential. The entry fee is £5 payable by BACS transfer. Please confirm your entry by email to [pmiedun@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pmiedun@hotmail.co.uk).

Participants are asked to submit the data from their activity (Strava or similar) if possible by 5pm Monday 7th Dec. It can also be completed by walking, cycling, rowing etc. There will be prizes for fastest male / female runner and best Sweaty Santa Selfie. There will be an optional awards ceremony for participants. Please note all participants are responsible for their own safety while taking part and compliance with current government guidelines on social distancing.

Thanks to parents (especially Naomi & Tricia) for producing some really creative fundraising ideas for the school in this most unusual of years. We have two different festive events that will kick off in the first week of December to provide some Christmas cheer!

The Heriot Santa Dash provides a Covid friendly festive occasion for children and adults with a 1km and 5k Santa Dash respectively. The Heriot Christmas Auction is a brilliant opportunity to 'buy local' with a selection of fantastic items available to bid for. Details of both fantastic events are found here - please support them if you can....



We also have an amazing drinks hamper (thanks to Kyla) to raffle before Christmas. Tickets will be on sale 12-17 Dec (£5/ticket) - more details to follow.

The funds raised by these events directly helps to support the education of children at Heriot by allowing the school to purchase educational tools such as Sumdog & Music software and we are looking forward to getting new playground court markings next year using the money that is raised.

Have a lovely festive season, your Parent Council



## Heriot Christmas Auction

This year this Christmas Fundraiser will be slightly different. We invite you to bid generously for some amazing items kindly donated by some of our extremely talented villagers (and beyond). Please join the Heriot Christmas Auction Facebook Group to bid and keep an eye on the item(s) you want. Bidding will be open for one week only from the 4-11th December.

Thank you and good luck!