

# Heriot Primary School Parent Council Newsletter



Welcome to a new year for Heriot Primary Parent Council. It has been another term of unprecedented changes for the school and parents alike.

Whilst Heriot Primary remained open for children of key workers and invited children, all other children started this year learning remotely from home. Once again the resilience of children and parents has been remarkable: undergoing another period of educating children at home through a lockdown period. P1-3 pupils have now returned to school whilst P4-7 pupils remain learning at home until 15th March. The Parent Council would like to extend huge thanks to all the teachers at Heriot Primary for adapting so well to remote learning and supporting our children throughout this unique period.

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## PHASED RE-OPENING

The P4-P7 pupils will re-join P1-P3 pupils back at Heriot Primary on March 15th. Afterschool Club also recommences.

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## EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Easter holidays commence on Friday 1st April & return on 19th April.

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## NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Wed 5th May - all parents very welcome (including incoming P1 parents).

## Parent Council Committee 20/21



Chair: Steff Potter

Secretary:  
Alison Crabbe

Treasurer:  
Helen Brinkworth

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Volunteers Wanted!  
We are looking for people to help give our playground furniture a fresh lick of paint.

The Ragbag Bin at the School gate has been emptied and is ready for collections



- this scheme helps raise money for school projects.

## Upcoming events and projects.....

Despite all the challenges surrounding the pandemic we are excited about future projects that are planned in collaboration with staff and pupils at Heriot Primary School.

Funding has been awarded by Foundation Scotland (Carcant) to set up a Community Garden & Wildlife Hub within the grounds of Heriot Primary School. We hope this space can open within the course of the year (current government restrictions allowing). In the meantime, we would like input from the wider community about how they would like to see this new community space developed.

We are also extremely thankful to Raeshaw Estate for funding a new astroturf pitch which was installed within the school grounds in 2019. The new all-weather pitch has been a real asset both to the school during lessons and play-time and for local children in the community to use, especially given the current emphasis upon outdoor play and exercise.



## New all-weather sports area and scooters at Heriot Primary

Thanks to the generosity of the local community and the fundraising efforts from Christmas events we are delighted that new playground markings (as chosen by pupils at Heriot P.S.) will be installed to enhance the play area at the school. New scooters have also been purchased for children to play with at school.

The Mini Book Bank has been running a book bike trailer (thanks to Heriot C.C.) delivering books to local children and has also been awarded funding from the Scottish Book Trust to host an illustrator visit in 2021 which is another exciting prospect.

## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING FOR HERIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Huge thanks to everybody for getting involved and supporting all the Christmas Fundraising events. The inaugural Heriot Santa Dash was a great success and many congratulations to all the adults and pupils that participated, Heriot's Christmas Auction was a fantastic event with amazing unique items to bid for and, finally, congratulations to Mrs Sheridan (P5-7 teacher) for winning the drinks hamper in the raffle!



Many thanks to the organisers (Tricia, Naomi & Kyla respectively) and the wider community for getting so involved. We raised an amazing £909 from these events and are looking forward to getting new playground markings with these funds.

