



NEWSLETTER



WHAT IS THE PARENT AND CARER COUNCIL?

We're a friendly group of parents and carers who represent families at school and council level, and support our students' education and wellbeing. We organise school events, fundraise, and make sure all money raised goes back to the students and

school. We're also here to listen, share ideas, and build a strong school community. Got ideas, need support, or want to get involved? Email us at craiglockhartpacc@gmail.com. All Craiglockhart parents and carers are welcome to join the CPaCC!

FROM HALLOWEEN TO CHRISTMAS — JOIN THE FUN!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

This will be held at the school on Friday 24th October in the assembly hall. All three parties are organised by CPaCC, run by parents and carers – not the school. We need your help to make them happen, just two hours of your time. We're also looking for a lead for each party (P1–P2, P3–P4, P5–P7). Joann, our Events and Fundraising Co-ordinator, will support all three leads. And did we mention – it's great fun!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The CPaCC Christmas Market at Polwarth Church is always a fantastic evening with stalls, food and drink – a great wee night out! Join us on Friday 21st November and volunteer for a role such as door entry, bar, bake stall, set-up or clear-up. Alex has organised the market for many years, but next year will be her last, so we're looking for people to learn the ropes before she 'graduates' primary school.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thanks to Kersti for taking on the Christmas cards role this year. This role takes 3 hours and its spread over a few weeks but raised around £700 in the past and some beautiful Christmas Cards over the years for many kids and families. If you would be willing to take on this fundraiser for 2026, please get involved.

FRESH SMILES IN THE PLAYGROUND



A warm welcome to all new parents, carers and children joining our school community. It's wonderful to see so many new faces in the playground, and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY

What: AGM (Annual General Meeting)
Place: School
Time: 7pm

6TH OCTOBER
MONDAY

What: Food Drive
Place: Playground
Time: 8.30am

24TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY

What: Halloween Party
Place: School
Time:
P1 and P2: 2–3.30pm
P3 and P4: 4–5.30pm
P5, P6, P7: 6–7.30pm

21ST NOVEMBER
FRIDAY

What: Christmas Market
Place: Polwarth Church
Time: 6–9pm



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AUTUMN DRIVE TO HELP OTHERS

Our Autumn food and warm clothing drive is run by Rhiannon and it is always wonderful to have people to help move boxes, sort clothes, load cars and car drivers. So if you would like to be involved, please let us know. This is all to help others in need.





TOGETHER WE MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Getting involved with CPaCC is a brilliant way to support our school community, meet other parents and carers, and make a real difference. Whether you can give an hour here and there or take on a bigger role, every contribution helps – and it's great fun along the way!

POSITIONS WHICH ARE OPEN CURRENTLY:

Vice Chairperson to work with the Chairperson

Communications – to manage notices from CPaCC to our community

Chairperson

Events and Fundraising

Treasurer

Secretary

ASN rep

Please contact craiglockhartpacc@gmail.com for details or attend the AGM on Wednesday, 17th September, where these positions will be voted on.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We require two parents/carers from each year group. These reps would be required to join a group on WhatsApp to vote in decision making and attend five meetings a year (three of which are online). Joining as a rep would give you an opportunity to play a role in making decisions on behalf of the wider parent body in things that will benefit your school.



MORE WAYS TO HELP

If you'd like to help in other ways, there are plenty of roles where your time and skills can make a real difference.

Library – to get it back up and running, books updated and organised.

Uniform Shop

Website maintenance

Grant applications

Clubs (for lunch and after school)

Graphic Design

Photography

Please also email us any ideas/suggestions or questions. All welcome!

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QUESTIONS ABOUT JOINING IN

How much time will I need to give each week or month?

As much or as little as you can. Some parents help once or twice a year, others more regularly. There's no fixed requirement – even small contributions are very valuable.

Do I need to speak fluent English to get involved?

No. We value our diverse school community and welcome parents of all language backgrounds. We support each other, and every voice is important.

Do I have to commit for the whole school year?

No. We understand that family and work commitments change. You're welcome to get involved whenever you can, for however long you can.

Are there specific roles, or can I just help where needed?

Both! There are some ongoing roles, but there are also plenty of opportunities to simply lend a hand at events or when extra help is needed.



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