



Executive Headteacher: Mrs Cathy Draper

Parent Council Newsletter

What a fantastic year for Parent Council and the Federation!

For those of you who don't know who we are and what we do here a brief summary.

Parent Councils are an opportunity to become involved in your child's school community.

Your contribution to the life of the school will be much appreciated by both our Schools and our children! Joining our Federations Parent Council is a chance for parents to get involved and do what they can to help our schools be the best it can be. Our children deserve no less and we know that everyone can benefit when we get the partnership between schools and parents working well.

We meet once a term, sometimes more when we have a project or large event to organise! There is no time commitment required - every little helps! Our next meeting is in **Wednesday 13th September at Short Heath at 9.15**. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us as we are planning a year of fundraising for our schools. We plan to ask the children what they want and choose something achievable and reasonable!

We'll set a target and there will be lots of planning and hard work behind the scenes that we will need your help with!

Here are some of the things that we've been involved with this school year -

*Over £5000 raised for The Swing, Walsall Bereavement Services - WOW!!

*Packed lunches available on the menu

*New uniform suppliers - Clive Marks, Brian (Willenhall Market) who now stocks the correct jumpers rather than sweatshirts! And we have a new supplier Crested School Wear in Walsall.

One subject that is always on the agenda is parking and our children's safety! Here's a quick word from our Pink Lady Caroline...

One issue that raises its head time and time again at Parent Council is the issue of parking. I have lost count of the amount of times we have tried to come up with a solution to the minority of parents who continue to park inappropriately.

It is an issue that concerns most schools in the borough as the majority of schools were built well before children were driven to school so there is no provision for safe parking outside of them. Fibbersley has a drop off zone because it was built recently and this works well.



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Parent Council asks that parents park considerately and legally outside the schools and that means not on the school markings even to drop off. This is to ensure children walking to school are safe and have good visibility when crossing the road.

Alternatively there is a park and stride scheme for all three schools – Lanehead is at the United Kingdom Pub, and Rosedale/Short Heath is on the Nisa carpark or Homestead pub. I personally do this every morning and it is a lovely start to the day.

If anyone has any ideas how we can encourage parents to keep all our children safe the Parent Council would love to hear them!

Cathy Draper – Executive Head

Parent Council have a huge part to play in the success of our schools. Not only do they work really hard to raise funds for good causes, they are the voice of parents from all of our schools. They are often consulted on behalf of all parents when decisions need to be taken by schools. For example on uniform, reward and behaviour strategies, homework, making parking safer etc..

A fitting close to our Newsletter for the 2016/2017 school year is written by Craig and Rebekka Smith.

The parent council is a wonderful source of help and resource for fundraising. The members have a varied wealth of abilities and a very exciting can do approach to get the most out of every idea. The council also have very good contacts and really do their utmost best at what they do. Also fundraising events bring the whole federation together in a way nothing else can.

Have an amazing summer holiday and don't forget to check the Federation website for updates on what we are working on at our Parent Council Meetings. If you would like to get involved or have any ideas that you want to share please email me at parentcouncil@shortheathfederation.org.uk