



## PARENT COUNCIL

27 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **SWIMMING AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Following on from our Parent Council meeting last week we can now confirm that the overwhelming response to our recent swimming survey was that we should continue to support Mrs Laird in the provision of swimming lessons during the school year. This would normally be when your child reaches Primary 4/5 or 6 depending the makeup of the composite classes each year.

Our recent survey provided us with 40 responses which was fantastic so thank you for taking the time to complete this. 85% of those who responded felt that swimming lessons should continue to be offered even if this resulted in an increase to the cost for each block. 35% of those who responded did not feel their child was a confident swimmer yet and 85% of those who responded felt swimming lessons were essential prior to Primary 7. Transport will continue to be challenging and costly; however, there are opportunities to fundraise to help reduce the financial burden for parents. It would likely be the case for most families that only 1 child at a time would be attending swimming lessons for a 10 week block and this would still be less expensive and more convenient if this could be during the school day. Comments were provided by 19 of those who completed the survey and 18 of those comments expressed support for an increase in parental contribution and fundraising to ensure this activity does not become impossible for the school to fund. Mrs Laird will require parent volunteers to help supervise the children with swimming along with the class teacher. The next block of lessons will be from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please contact Mrs Laird if you are able to help.

Our first fundraising opportunity to help with transport costs would be to volunteer as a marshal at the upcoming half marathon in Inverness. This is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and for 3-4 hours of your time would provide us with a donation of £20 per volunteer. There will be further opportunities to marshal at events during the year and would normally attract a slightly higher rate where a main sponsor is named such as the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon in October.

If you would like to volunteer to marshal at the half marathon in March please email me by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of January at [glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com). We will also be holding a fundraising meeting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm to discuss any events we might have before the end of the school year. Please contact me if you would like to attend this meeting or would like to help at any fundraising events.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Milton  
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