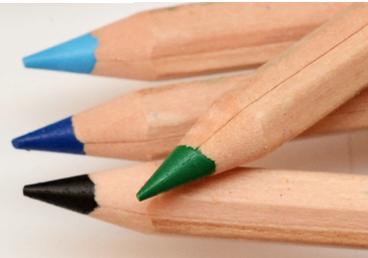


WINTER 2020



St Andrew's RC Primary School

# WELCOME TO OUR PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our Winter Newsletter. Normally, this would be a time to reflect on all the Parent Council achievements for the year, but this year has been like no other; just getting to the end of 2020 is an achievement in itself! As we adapt to this new normal, the Parent Council is still committed to promoting a close co-operation and communication between parents and school staff.

## Next Parent Council meeting: 15th December 6.30pm

Send us an email and you will be sent a zoom link to join in.

[standrewsps\\_pc@yahoo.com](mailto:standrewsps_pc@yahoo.com)

Don't be shy, you will be made very welcome!!

As we all adjust to our online life, it can be overwhelming to get your head around all the new ways our kids are having to learn.

Fortunately, the Midlothian Digital Learning Team have uploaded YouTube videos to help parents and carers navigate all the technology.

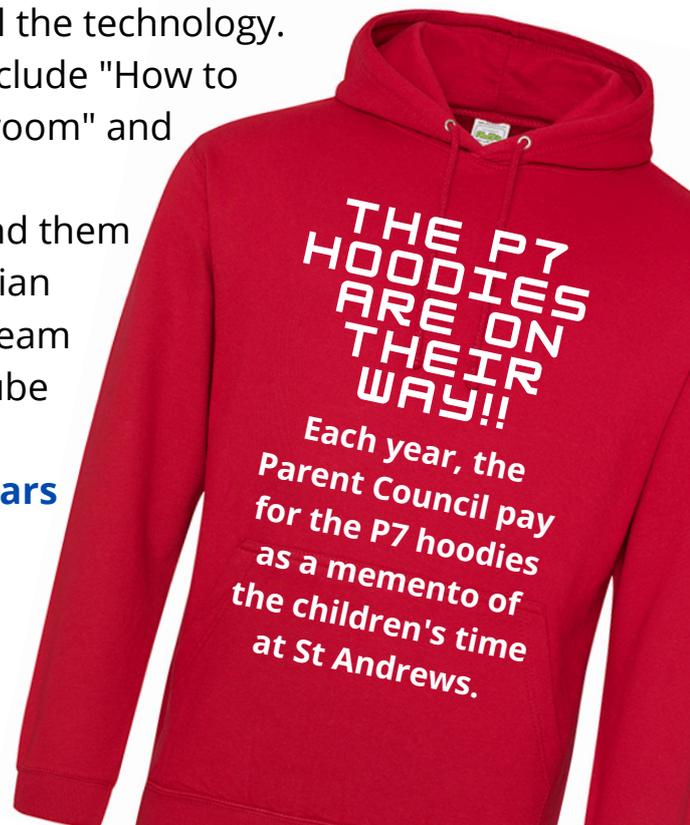
Topics covered include "How to use Google Classroom" and "Introduction to

Chromebook". Find them all on the Midlothian Digital Learning Team channel on YouTube or use the link:

[bit.ly/mid-webinars](https://bit.ly/mid-webinars)



**Congratulations to our Primary 5 pupils on their First Holy Communion!**





## CHRISTMAS UPDATE

### Christmas is coming!!!

Its not long til Santa will be leaving treats for us all. But with COVID restrictions, our normal shopping habits might have to go online. So we thought you would like to know about THE GIVING MACHINE.



The Giving machine is an online app that acts as a gateway to over 2000 retailers, including Amazon, ebay and M&S. Everytime you go to an online shop via The Giving Machine website, a donation is made to the school, but it doesnt cost you anything!

If we all shopped via The Giving Machine, we could raise an amazing amount for our children to enjoy. The next time your shopping on your phone or tablet, why not look into TheGivingMachine, it won't cost you anything but will generate money for St Andrew's.

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

### Christmas treats for everyone

We are all a bit disappointed that the traditional Christmas Fayre at St Andrews wont be happening this year. Its more important to stay safe than to hang out and the cupcake stand and eat too many cookies. But the parent council still want to help us all get into the Christmas spirit - so each and every child will be getting a wee Christmas treat in December.

### Ideas for the Future

COVID means that everything is a wee bit different, so we are looking for ideas to try and keep everyone a bit connected. Would you be interested in a bingo/ quiz night via Zoom? Do you have an idea of your own?

Please let us know!!! Drop an email:

[standrewsps\\_pc@yahoo.com](mailto:standrewsps_pc@yahoo.com)

BRAINS ON! PRESENTS

**SMASH  
BOOM  
BEST**

### RECOMMENDED PODCAST!

If you are a bit bored of Netflix and the Xbox, podcasts are a great (screen free) way to keep entertained.

"SmashBoomBest" is a podcast all about debating...but not boring adult subjects...it debates the important things, like what's best Pizza or Tacos? What's coolest Snakes or Spiders..Its a great way to learn about debating skills.

### COVID -19 has made 2020 difficult for everyone. But there places you can go to for help:

[www.homeenergyscotland.org](http://www.homeenergyscotland.org)

Home Energy Scotland is a network of local advice centers covering all of Scotland. Their expert advisors offer free, impartial advice on energy saving, and keeping warm at home.

[www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200296/coronavirus](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200296/coronavirus)

Midlothian Council has a really informative page with contact details of a list of organizations that can help with a range of issues from money to fuel and health and wellbeing, during these difficult times.

**And don't forget about St Andrews Home School Practitioner! The lovely Elaine Baur is available for advice and help. She can be contacted through the school or directly via email:**

[E.Baur@mgfl.net](mailto:E.Baur@mgfl.net)

or by phone: 07500 125 086

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!*

# CHECK OUT ALL THE BRILLIANT PUMPKINS!!



ABBY P3



CHARLIE P6



LUCY, NURSERY



EMILY, NURSERY



EMILY, NURSERY



LEO P3



JESSICA P3



LOGAN P5



ALFIE P2



DANIEL P4



KEIRA P3



ALFIE P2