

## Welcome to the first quarterly Parents and Friend's (P&F) newsletter!

We thought this would be a great way of letting you all know what we have planned for this term and some hints for future events next year.

**Firstly**, welcome to all new parents, friends and their children to our lovely school. For you we will recap what we achieved last term ....

The Easter raffle was fab - with the chocolate donations received most families who participated won a prize or 2 and this created smiles all round.

Sports day triggered out 2nd P&F's effort to raise funds for the school. P&F's provided refreshments, buns and ice lollies that were enjoyed by all.

The summer fair was a great success. Weather was kind to us...parents feed back even more so (were you being polite??). All the children had fun on the games and were all winners with sweets, game prizes and tombola. The welly wanging was very competitive and it was lovely to see parents and their children all having a go!!!

We also provided lolly sales on multiple days during the hot weather that were happily received by the children.

### **We raised a whopping £1100 from our summer efforts!!!**

We then rested for summer..... And now on to this term.....

We met with Mrs Cuddy to discuss what the school needed and what P&F's wanted to organise for the children.

Mrs Cuddy has longed aimed to provide a student kitchen facility to enable the children to cook and learn together in an interactive, fun way. Provisionally she received a quote for around £20,000 to achieve this. Because of this daunting figure she has had to stall this plan time and again for years due to budget constraints.

We are hopeful that P&F's events can contribute to this through future events. We are also seeking support from anyone who can offer input with the project be it through design, fitting or discounted supply of kitchen materials. If this peaks your interest or expertise and you can help to improve the school experience for our children please contact the school or P&F representative.

We aim to put up a visual "thermometer" where we can all see our efforts at fundraising for the kitchen.

It was agreed with Mrs Cuddy that while contributions to the Student Kitchen Project would be key, we would also aim to subsidise fun events and activities for the children throughout the year.

## Planned events this term:

### Thursday 6th Oct- Harvest Hoe down. Yeeee Harrrr!!.

Have a look at the flyer for this event. It will coincide with a non-uniform day so the children can come to school ready for the party. Tickets are now on sale from school office or your child's class P&F's rep.

This is the first time we have attempted a disco event so support during and feedback following the event would be gratefully received. If it goes well more parties to come!!!

### Christmas craft gift making sessions (to be held within school time).

This is for your children to make the ever coveted hand crafted gift for you this festive season. You're welcome!! There will be a small fee to cover materials.

### Pantomime (date TBC)

We are looking to fully fund a Pantomime for the whole school from existing P&F's funds. Mrs Cuddy is exploring dates for this.

### Wednesday 7th December -Christmas Fair (3.10 5.30pm)

Ideas and support welcome...we are in need of a jovial Santa! Don't be shy.....

## Events later in the year in the pipe line....

### 6th March- World book day - Book swap and bun sale

An after school event where we will be inviting children to bring old books they have read to swap in the hall. It is hoped an Usbourne rep will be joining us.

### Easter raffle

### The Spring Fair (date TBC)

### The Summer festival (date TBC)

The summer fair will become the spring fair to enable us to fit in a Summer Festival for the children at end of summer term with summer party vibes!

Throughout the year you will see us supporting school events with refreshments (nativity, concerts etc) and our aim is to make the school year fun for our children and support the school to achieve its goals for improving the experience for all..

Thanks for your continued support and please seek out your child's P&F's rep with any questions, suggestions of if you want to get involved.....