

The Friends of Wheatfield Primary School

January 2016 Newsletter

Happy 2016!

Dear Friends,

A new calendar year is upon us and as we settle back into life at work and school, it is time for another update on our fundraising and details of upcoming events.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December 2015

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fayre and hope that you all enjoyed the activities, games and craft stalls. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations and a very big thank you to those who helped on the day, especially the children from Year 6 and the teachers who gave up their Friday evening. It was a real team effort and we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Miss Gregory and all the children who sang in the school choir. You all sang beautifully and it was lovely to hear the very 'festive' carols.

Father Christmas was very popular again and we would like to thank him for finding time to come to visit us, as we all know just how busy he is at that time of year! He could not do it though without help from Mrs Christmas and his 'elves', and their hard work in ensuring his grotto is beautiful and ready in time for his visit. A big thank you to all of them.

We are really pleased to tell you that your support enabled us to make just over £1,400.00 which is a fabulous amount. Thank you once again!!!

Christmas Cards – Nov/Dec 2015

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Christmas cards. We made a profit of approximately £70.00, which is great.

Scholastic Book Club - 2015

In 2015 the Scholastic book club raised a fantastic £187.17 in free books for the KS1 and KS2 libraries. A big thank you to all those that purchased books through this scheme and please look out for the new Scholastic flyer sent in book bags. Orders must now be made online, but simply visit www.scholastic.co.uk/clubs to browse the full range of very reasonably priced books and to place your order.

Wheatfield Logo Water Bottles

We still have water bottles for sale priced at £2.50. If you would like to buy one please send in your money in a sealed envelope marked 'Water Bottle' with your child's name and class printed on the front.

AGM/Wine and Cheese Evening – Wednesday 11th November 2015

Thank you to everyone who attended this evening. A new committee was elected for the forthcoming 12 months and the committee members are as follows:

Name	Role	Child
Katharine Wiltshire	Chair	Y1
Helen Hodges	Vice Chair	Y4
Lindsey Griffiths	Treasurer	Y1 & Y5
Catherine Jones	Secretary	Y1
Jill Bonney	Committee Member	Y4
Sally Callis	Committee Member	Y1 & Y4
Melanie Dollin	Committee Member	Y6
Sandhya Mangat	Committee Member	Y1
Krupali Patel	Committee Member	Y1
Fiona Townsend	Committee Member	Y4 & Y5

Easyfundraising

We launched Easyfundraising 4 years ago – so far we have 44 supporters and have raised over £700.00! Hopefully there are more supporters out there!!

How does it work? Simply by registering and clicking through easyfundraising when you shop on-line, you could raise a donation for the school. There are 1,000's of retailers listed and can be used when you are booking a holiday or buying something online, so please make time to look at the website and help us to raise FREE money. Retailers included are Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Argos, and many more.

Here is the link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk and don't forget to select Friends of Wheatfield Primary School as the organisation to support.

There is also an app that you can download to your phone/tablet, so that you don't miss out on raising FREE money when ordering online from one of these devices.

How has the money raised been spent?

In 2015 we supported the following:

Life education bus - £500.00

Annual maintenance for the Playpod - £920.00

Educational items for outdoor use - £190.00

Refurbishment of KS1 library area (in progress) - £1,200.00

School allotment (support for 2015/16) - £300.00

Save the date!

The Friends committee are in the process of planning events for the coming year. We hope to arrange a school disco sometime in March, so watch this space and a date will be confirmed soon.

**Don't forget we are always on the look-out for volunteers to help at events.
Please speak to a member of the committee or leave your details at school reception.**

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year!

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