



The Owl Post



Happy New Year! We hope that you have all settled into the new term after what, for the PTA, was a very busy last couple of months of 2016, raising lots of money in the process! Read further for an update on our fantastic fundraising efforts and upcoming events for 2017.

The team meets every 6-8 weeks to discuss ideas and plan events and we would love to welcome you to get involved in any way you can. Why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 13th March at 7.45pm in The Infant Staff Room. If you can't attend but would still be able to offer some of your time to help us then please read further below about how you can get involved.

Don't forget to log into Easyfundraising.org.uk - so you can support school fundraising each time you shop on line.
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Fundraising



£4500!
 £4000
 £3500
 £3000
 £2500
 £2000
 £1500
 £1000
 £500

Winter Bazaar

Thank you for coming along to support our annual Winter Bazaar. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to do some Christmas gift shopping, picked up some festive treats, and the children had fun playing to win prizes and getting their faces painted. A big thank you to all who volunteered their time to help prepare and run this successful event. We raised an amazing £813.14!!

Christmas Craft Morning

We had another successful craft morning. The children really enjoyed themselves and made some lovely Christmas creations, the glue and glitter was out in force!! Thank you to our craft team for their creativity and hard work and to all those who volunteered to help run the event. We raised an amazing £381.81! What a fantastic final event of 2016, check out our fundraising total!!

2016 Fundraising Total Update

Wow! We are hugely proud of our efforts last year in raising the most amazing total for the schools, over £4500!! A big thank you for attending and supporting our events and to our volunteers who gave up their time to help, thank you so much!

These valuable funds will be put towards some great projects for the schools this year. The Juniors are planning to build a pond (with a safety cover) next to their garden area and the Infants are planning to install new benches, some with table top games, to improve the outside area. The money we have raised will go a long way towards helping to achieve these projects, so well done everybody!

We need more PTA members in 2017!



We have a busy programme of events in place this year and lots to look forward to, but with a lack of new members over the past few years we really need your help to be able to continue the great work of your PTA!

We understand how busy life can be, so even if you could only spare a couple of hours to support an event on the day that would be a great help. If you like the idea of getting involved in the organisation of an event and the opportunity to input some of your own ideas then consider joining a sub-committee such as the Craft Team or the Summer Fete Team.

See over for details of forthcoming events and support required. Any questions please get in touch - (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 13th March - PTA Meeting
7.45pm Infant Staff Room
- Saturday 25th March - Easter Craft Morning 10am-12pm
- Saturday 6th May - Infant School Disco
- Friday 14th July - Summer Fete
- Saturday 7th October - Junior School Disco

Spring Craft Morning - Saturday 25th March 10am - 12pm

The Spring Craft Morning is always popular and an event the children really look forward to! We have some great Spring and Easter themed crafts lined up and also some lovely Mother's Day crafts as it's the day before! As well as sweet treats to make we also have our fabulous chocolate raffle, so look out for further details and ticket sales coming soon!

Join our Craft Team Sub Committee!

We are looking for new members to join our Craft Team. If you think you would enjoy helping behind the scenes or assisting on one of our craft tables at our Spring Craft Morning then please get in touch (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)

The crafts are designed to be as straight forward as possible for the children, whilst providing interest for both the Infant's and Junior's. You don't need to be experienced in crafting, just have fun getting involved. If you enjoy helping on the day and would then like to assist in preparing the crafts for our next Craft morning in December we would love you to join our team!

Bag2School Recycling Collection - Friday 3rd March

After the success of our previous recycling bag collections we were pleased to arrange another collection on the 3rd of March. Bag2School collects used clothing, shoes, bags, soft toys, jewellery etc and passes these onto countries within Eastern Europe for those less fortunate.

We raised £148 from this collection which is a great way to make money for the school – just from old clothes and things we were going to give away. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Watch out for the next collection date!

Infant Discos - Saturday 6th May - 4pm - 8pm

After the continued success of our Infant and Junior disco's we are pleased to announce that we have secured 'Jazz It Up' to come back again this year to entertain the children in style and get them dancing along to the latest pop tunes!

The infants disco is booked for Saturday 6th May and more information regarding times for each year group and tickets etc. will be available nearer the time. Don't worry Juniors, yours is already in the diary for 7th October!

Summer Fete - Friday 14th July

Last Years' Summer Fete was a huge success and not only was it lots of fun but we raised a fantastic amount of money for the schools! We are already planning ahead, have set the date and are looking forward to organising this year's fete to be just as much fun, if not better!

Join our Summer Fete Sub Committee! - We are looking for volunteers to help organise our Summer Fete so if you have some great ideas and would like to get involved then please contact us - (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)

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