

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)



Welcome to the latest PTFA newsletter - I feel that there is a lot to share with you!

MONEY SPENT LAST TERM BY THE SCHOOL

As you are aware, the Key Stage 2 hall is now fitted with a new projector and sound system which cost us just under **£7,000**. Staff tell me it has transformed not only assemblies but also PE lessons. Due to the success of this system, we have agreed to pay for a similar system in the Key Stage 1 hall. All being well, this should be installed during half term - watch this space!

As well as the projector, last term we spent **£209** updating some of our Mini Youth games kit. We bought new bags printed with the Fairview logo, new shorts, socks and shin pads and paid for the school name to be printed on some existing kit that we owned.



£1560 was requested to replace both out-of-date atlases and dictionaries across the school, and we have spent **£650** on new PE equipment. You may have noticed the new netball posts in the KS2 playground. **£750** has been used to put playground markings on the playground at the back of the school, including a full size netball court. Further markings are to follow on other playgrounds once the weather improves. We provided each child with a Christmas cracker to accompany their Christmas dinner, which we like to do every year. And finally we were asked for **£400** to buy Caterpillars a new audio system with wireless headphones so they could enjoy stories and songs.

This term we are funding a first aid course for the whole school, so all children at some point will gain valuable information that could save a life. We are glad we are able to help the children to learn this fantastic life skill.

We are immensely proud of what we have been able to purchase for the school - items that are making a big difference to the school life of our children.

PROFIT FROM LAST TERMS' EVENTS

We had a busy first term with lots of events for your children to enjoy. Thank you to everyone that helped - they simply wouldn't run if we did not have the support of the parents.

Family Portraits: Thank you to all of those who booked slots with the photographer. We are still waiting to hear how much money your orders have raised.

KS2 Disco: As popular as ever for our KS2 children and we hope the Year 3 children who attended their first disco had a good time. £670 was raised for the school.

Ugly Bug Ball: The first time we have run this event and it was brilliant with lots of people dressing up. We raised £313 so thank you to those who attended.

Film Night: We held two film nights last term and were able to showcase our fabulous sound system. We also have a new popcorn machine which went down a storm. These film nights raised £390.

Christmas Bazaar: A lot goes in to organising the bazaar, so again a massive thank you to helpers. Also thank you if you came along to support the school, we hope the children enjoyed it. This event raised £1,190.

Tea with Santa for FS and KS1: Thank you to all the helpers who were able to make this event possible - tickets for this sold out in 11 minutes! All children who wanted to attend were however accommodated. We raised £560.

Christmas card orders: We hope your friends and family enjoyed their Christmas cards. We raised a fantastic £812 from your orders.

TERM 3 AND 4 EVENTS

Friday 22nd January - KS2 Disco

Letters for this have already been sent out, so please don't forget to send the permission slip in with your child.

Friday 29th January - Film Night

Again letters for this have already been sent out. Big Hero 6 is the chosen film, and popcorn, drinks and snacks are all included in the cost of the ticket. Tickets will be on sale on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th January.

Saturday 6th February - Quiz Night

This is a great night out for adults only. No tickets will be available on the night and tables are selling fast. Please get your table request in by Friday 29th January - tickets are £7 per person which includes a sausage and chip supper.

Friday 12th February - Tag Day

Your child may come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a monetary donation. This year we are raising money for our library. Whatever is raised will be matched by the PTFA to help restock our library. The demands of the New Curriculum means lots of new books are needed.

Tuesday 1st/Wednesday 2nd March - Mothers' Day sale

Your child will have the opportunity to come and buy a mother's day present from our gift sale. For KS2 children this takes place during the afternoon of Tuesday 1st, for Foundation Stage and KS1, this takes place after school on Wednesday 2nd March.

Friday 18th March - Easter Bazaar

This takes place after school and is an opportunity for your child to come and see the Easter bunny and play on the whole host of games on offer. If you have any time spare (and we would really appreciate even an hour of it, not just on the day, but in the run up) please contact Helen Smart.

FACEBOOK

Please like our page on Facebook to keep up to date with upcoming events - search for Fairview PTFA. We also have a page for second hand uniform - - search for Fairview Nearly New School Uniform. The uniform will also be available to sell at Parents Evening on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th February.

If you have any items you wish to donate, please send them in to the office for the attention of Katherine Hurst.

EASYFUNDRAISING/EASYSEARCH

Please continue to support us when you are searching the internet or doing any online shopping. At no extra cost to you, you could be raising money for the school. Please go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairviewprimary/> to find out more and to sign up for free.

STAMPS

The collection box is found in the reception area outside the office so please continue to cut your stamps off your envelopes and donate them to the school.

FINALLY

Many of the existing PTFA committee are standing down at the end of this year. That includes the chair, the treasurer, the secretary and the catering organiser. We do have someone willing to stand as treasurer for next year, but other than that positions are going to be empty. If you feel any of this is of interest to you, please do get in touch with me, Kate Archer, Tracey Scott-Fox or Samm Brewster. It would be a shame if a group of people have to start again, when we have lots of information available to pass on to the next team of people to take the PTFA forward!

We hope you enjoy the many events that are being held this term.

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*** PTFA MEETINGS THIS TERM ***

MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY @ 7:30pm

MONDAY 7th MARCH @ 7:30pm