



Friends Summer Newsletter

With the summer holidays upon us we thought it would be nice to give you an update and round off this academic year of fundraising for the school with a newsletter.

There have been quiz nights, discos, theatre productions, Mothers' Day activities, filming of the infant nativity, tuck shops, bake sales, the grand summer fair, community garage sale, messy mats and an appeal to help with the restocking and refurbishment of the library.

This year all our activities have raised well over **£4,000** for the school! This is fantastic and such a great achievement. The school have also been successful in applications for various grants to help towards project costs. We try to make the money we raise go as far as possible by matching it with grant funding that the school is awarded.



The Bus Project has received **£10,000 in Awards for All funding**, which is a great boost for the project.

Below is a quick update on where we are with the bus project:

- Electrical supply has been installed for heating, lights and technology
- Most seats have been taken out and those that are staying on the bus have been deep cleaned
- The top deck is being wood lined and the bottom deck has been painted
- The outside of the bus has had a special wooden skirt put around it and painted
- The bus is being painted with a playing scene with a rainbow one side and the other side has each child's and teacher's handprints painted on
- Downstairs on the bus will be open play access and upstairs will be an additional exciting learning space
- Another grant of £1,500 has just been received for a staircase on the outside of the bus
- Please lend us a hand at the bus project nights. Working together gets the job done quicker and it's fun.

The Summer Fair was a great success and that alone raised **£2,500** in profit! Thank you to everyone that contributed to such an exciting and fun day. This event could not have taken place without the staff, teachers and parents/guardians from the school. They all helped to man stalls and to enable us to have a wide variety of stalls and entertainment. Thank you all.

What should next years summer fair theme be?

We have installed a red "**Suggestion Box**" beside the Friends notice board, in order for you to post ideas for fund raising activities and to put yourselves forward to be part of the group of volunteers making these activities happen. Please post your ideas and contact details, we really want to hear from you.



We operate a bit differently to others, in that each person on the Friends leads on a specific event (if they want to) and then members of the committee who can help put themselves forward to assist. If you are able to be a Friends Champion and lead on an activity, that would be great, or you could help with other events taking place. Just talk to one of the committee members or a member of staff or post your contact details in the suggestion box.

The **Friends AGM** will take place in **September**. All those with a position on the Friends committee will stand down at the AGM. All names put forward for positions on the committee will be put forward and voted on at the AGM. Please let someone know if you want to stand for a position on the committee. You would be very welcome.

Thank you for your support with our events and fund raising initiatives, without you we could not function. We all give our time voluntarily and try really hard to help improve the facilities at the school and pay for extra things like class trips transport, so that all the children benefit. We are very lucky to have such supportive teaching staff, who are so proactive and play a key part on the Friends Committee.

If anyone wants to talk about anything "Friends" related please see either Laura Apps-Green, Heidi Hobday, Sarah Higgins or Kaori King or Mrs Swann or Mrs Brett.

Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone!