

Friends of Little Heath Primary

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

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We managed to raise a fantastic amount of money during the Autumn Term. Through our events, we raised:

- £84 through 'Bags 2 School' donations
- £141.80 from the Family Photo Day
- £221.67 from the Christmas cards
- £1,187.46 from the Christmas Café and Tea with Father Christmas
- £5,564 from our Firework Display (this is the PTA's share of the profits which are split equally between the PTA and Brookmans Park Rotary Club)

This makes a grand total of **£7,198.93**, every penny of which goes towards supporting and enhancing the education of our children. For a reminder of the ways in which P.T.A. funds have been used recently, please see the reverse of this newsletter, and we look forward to supporting future projects.

Any time you can give to help the P.T.A. is always gratefully received. In times where school budgets are increasingly stretched, the time you give in helping to raise funds is increasingly important.



Another notable fundraising effort was through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. We were awarded £2,000 which will go towards purchasing a 'trim trail' for the school. Many thanks to everyone who collected tokens and special thanks to our treasurer, Caroline Lofts, for organising our application to the scheme.

YOUR P.T.A. NEEDS YOU!



Our next scheduled big event is the **Spring Fair during the afternoon of Saturday 24th March**. Last year was the first time we ran this event, which included an Easter Egg hunt, Easter bonnet parade, Easter Egg tombola and lots more besides. We would very much like to run this event again, but we need your help to do so.

Sadly, it has been increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help at our events. This has meant that some events have had to be scaled down, such as Christmas Fair. Indeed, there is a real danger that we may not be able to run some events.

SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE SPRING FAIR BY FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

Therefore, we have decided to recruit volunteers before deciding on whether to proceed with the Spring Fair. From Monday 5th February, a rota for the fair will be on display in the School Office. Please sign up to help by the Friday after half term (23rd Feb) and if we have enough volunteers, then we will proceed. Sadly, without the help we need, we will have to cancel. Please make sure this doesn't happen and SIGN UP!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE P.T.A.

After nearly four years of chairing Little Heath P.T.A., we have decided to stand down from our position. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time chairing and taking part in fundraising events. It has been most rewarding to see P.T.A. funds in action, especially the resourcing of the Foundation Stage building. Our last event in charge will be the Spring Fair and we're looking for someone to take over for the start of the Summer Term. Furthermore, our treasurer, Caroline Lofts intends to stand down too. If you are interested in taking over as chairperson or treasurer, please contact Emma for more details (obrienemma00@gmail.com). We would like to thank everyone, parents and staff, who have supported us and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school.

Simon Hall and Emma O'Brien



Our next P.T.A. meeting is on **Monday 26th February, 7.45 pm at The Builders Arms**. If you would like to get more actively involved in the running of our events, please come along.

Thank for all your support! All our fundraising has achieved all of this...

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These pictures illustrate P.T.A. fundraising in action! Due to your help and support at our events, we have been able to purchase a class set of digital cameras, a new stage lighting system, picnic tables for the playground and a playhouse for the KS1 playground. In addition, we provided the necessary hardware for building a new set of computers for the ICT suite, which the older children built themselves, and we fully resourced the new Foundation Stage building, including two interactive whiteboards. So thank you to everyone who helps and supports our fundraising!