

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

As you know the Friends have had lots going on, and this newsletter is to let you know what has been raised and spent by the Friends so far this year.

What have we raised?

The thermometer at the front of school shows that to date just over £1,750 has been raised which is fantastic, and all down to your generous support of the discos, Rags 2 Riches, bonfire night, Christmas cards, Christingle service, preloved uniform, preloved book and cake sales. **THANK YOU!**

We also recently secured a grant for an amazing £2,600 from a charitable trust to pay for the brand new touch screen which has been installed in Year 1. We are now looking into other trusts and funding which we may be eligible to apply for.



What have we spent?

Friends' funds are spent on the extras not included in the school's budget in order to enhance our children's educational experience, and the school's facilities.

Last term we organised for all the children to go to the theatre as Christmas treat. Younger children went to see Dear Santa in Malvern, and older children went to Sleeping Beauty at Worcester. The cost to the Friends was £1,800 which represents two thirds of the whole cost of the trips. The River Room children received a keepsake Christmas book each instead, as this was more age appropriate. We also provided (and the Class Reps kindly wrapped!) the pass the parcel games for each class on their party day before Christmas.

Wish Lists

As every age group is different we have (like last year) allocated each teacher up to £500 to spend on things which will benefit children in their individual class. So far this year we're delighted to have funded the following:

River Room	1 x Tablet Kitchen play set, sand pit, farm animals	Tablets for 'Tapestry' package to share observations of children with parents, also for the children to learn with themselves Toys to enhance role play
Nursery	2 x Tablets Plastic play table, builder construction set	
Reception	3 x Tablets	Tablets as above
Year 1	1 set of class books	To enjoy whole class guided reading
Year 2	3 sets of class books	To enjoy whole class guided reading
Year 3	1 set of class books	To enjoy whole class guided reading
Year 4	1 x class set of dictionaries 1 x class set of thesaurus	To learn the skill of using dictionaries & choosing more adventurous words
Year 5	1 x set of class books Y5&6 trip to Bristol Curious Museum & Planetarium	To enjoy whole class guided reading Educational trip linked with topic
Year 6	Whole class light making kit Y5&6 trip to Bristol Curious Museum & Planetarium	Creativity and D&T skills Educational trip linked with topic
Lunchtimes Supervisors	Chalk boards, balls, beanbags, hoops, space hoppers (KS1) and Giant Connect Four, Giant Jenga, footballs, skipping ropes (KS2)	Encouraging healthy lifestyle, new skills, taking turns, respect & sharing
Sports	Sports kit for matches (on way)	Smart turnout at interschool competitions
All	Speaker system for hall with microphones	For assemblies, presentations, plays etc

Forthcoming Diary Dates

7th March - Rags 2 Riches Collection

9th March - Mother's Day (teas before service at church)

29th March - Easter Cake Sale

18th May - Royal Disco

8th June - Summer Fete

Date TBC - Family Bingo Night

Thank you again for your support. If you would like to get involved or have any thoughts or ideas please get in touch!

Yours sincerely, The Committee: Emma Longhi, Rachael Barker, Chris Riley, Harriet Gittins and the Class Reps

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