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Friends of Fairlands

News

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Friends of Fairlands are a group of mums and teaching assistants whose aim is to raise funds for the pupils at Fairlands and to organise social events to be enjoyed by all members of the community. The money we raise goes towards equipment and supplies, supporting the school by getting extra cash for things the school wouldn't normally be able to have. The more funds we raise the better! We don't always spend the money straight away as sometimes we have to save the money to make a larger purchase so your support is vital at all events to keep the funds rolling in! All help is appreciated, whether it's filling jam jars, running a stall, wrapping presents or counting supermarket tokens so let the office know whenever you're able to help. Don't forget though that the biggest help of all is turning up at events and showing your support. Also if anybody has any ideas of events they think will work then let us know, all ideas are welcome and none are too stupid! It's always worth putting them forward as even if they're not used immediately they may be used in the future or they may spark off an idea for something else.

Regards
Friends of Fairlands

CAR BOOT SALE

An amazing **£260** was raised at our first car boot sale back in September. Thanks for your support at this event. A big thank you goes to Miss Alexander for doing such a great job on the refreshments, she didn't stop! We intend to make the boot sale a regular feature during the year, so please spread the word as far as possible to draw in more buyers and sellers to the next one!

We'll be having one a term so stop giving/throwing away your junk and keep it to sell and make yourself some cash!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Both Halloween discos were a huge success recently. A whopping **£208** was raised. Well done everyone and thank you so much.

The children all enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was excellent. Everyone made a huge effort with their costumes and looked very frightening.

QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY NOV 16TH 7 FOR 730PM

It's almost time for the quiz night so make sure you get your teams (maximum 6 per team) in to Miss Franklin as soon as possible. £6 per person will get you your fish and chip supper and the evening's entertainment. There's also a cash prize for the winning team so get revising now.

REFRESHMENTS

Many of you may be aware that there were refreshments on sale at the recent parent teacher consultations. We thought that you may appreciate a hot drink especially if you've come straight from work or from that dreaded tea-time rush!

We'll be selling teas and coffees at all school events in the future so make sure you bring your pennies along in preparation - you even get a free biscuit!

CHOCOLATE CATALOGUE

The chocolate catalogues are currently working their way through the school. Please make sure that you get your order in and the catalogue back to your class teaching assistant on time. We need to make sure that we get the order in promptly so we can ensure delivery for Christmas. There are some great gifts in there for Christmas from stocking fillers to main presents for those awkward people you never know what to buy so take a good look!

WHERE'S THE MONEY GONE?

So, all this money coming in - what have we done with it? Well, we've recently bought something for Christmas which all the children will love and is a long term investment for many years of Fairlands' pupils to enjoy. You will know soon but we don't want to spoil the surprise!

We're also now trying to save some money so we can make some large purchases for KS2. So keep supporting so we can get spending again...

**THIS TERM'S BIG ONE.....
THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



The main fundraising event of this term is fast approaching.

Saturday December 1st from 11am till 2pm.

We're going to have a large range of stalls to suit all ages. There'll be stalls for Christmas gifts, games/activity stalls to play and of course a certain someone's grotto for all to visit. As always we'll be having a present room for children only to enter so they can carry out their Christmas shopping away from adult prying eyes. There'll be turkey rolls, homemade samosas, drinks and cakes available so skip lunch and eat with us.

We are going to need the following from you in order to fill the stalls so please get collecting and hand into your class teacher by **Wednesday 28th November**.

RAFFLE/TOMBOLA PRIZES: They need to be unopened and in date! Gifts or donations from the company you work for would be great if you fancy sweet talking your boss or if you run your own company you may be able to offer a prize. All are greatly appreciated.

FILLED JAM JARS: Fill a jam/coffee jar with any small low cost items suitable for children e.g. small cars/hair accessories/rubbers/pencils/wrapped sweets/wrapped boxes or bags of dried fruit/chocolates.

CAKES: bring back memories of buying small cakes at your own school fayre all those years ago!! Get baking and bring them in on **Friday November 30th** or drop them off anytime after 10am on the day of the fayre. If you're no Jamie or Nigella in the kitchen then don't worry - all the supermarkets do great cakes, some of them plain so you can decorate them yourself or with the help of your children.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA: The most popular stall every year...wonder why? Please hand in all alcohol personally to your class teacher on **Monday 26th**. Members of the Friends of Fairlands will also be available at both playgrounds at afternoon pick up time every day that week so you can hand in any donations to us then if that's more convenient.

What else do we need to make it a fantastic fayre?
YOUR ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT. Without your attendance it won't be a success so please mark the date in your calendar now and bring along your family and friends as it's sure to be a great day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We desperately need volunteers to help with the Christmas fayre. Firstly, we need to wrap the presents for the present room. We'll be doing this in the dining room on **Friday 16th** straight after drop off in the morning. We'll supply the hot drinks and mince pies to get us in the festive mood so look forward to seeing you there. No need to put your name down, just turn up on the day!

We also need volunteers during the fayre itself to help run the stalls. You don't need to volunteer for the whole time - even half an hour would help us out greatly. Either let Miss Franklin know if you can help at all or give the office your name and number and someone will call you.

We really appreciate your help!

SPRING TERM FUNDRAISING

To let you know in advance we're going to be having a bingo night for adults in January (a chance to win some cash in the most cash strapped month of the year!) and a cake and biscuit sale in February for the children. We'll let you know more about them nearer the time.

SPECIAL THANKS

We'd just like to say thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants for all of their support at the fundraising events and for getting the children on board for us. Also a huge thanks in advance for collecting Christmas fayre donations, we appreciate your help as we do understand that you are busy!

DATES FOR FUNDRAISING 2007/2008

Now until Wednesday 28th November	Raffle/tombola prizes and filled jam jars in
Friday 16th November	Quiz Night
Friday 16th November	Present wrapping
Monday 26th November	Alcohol bottles in for bottle tombola
Monday 26th to Friday 30th November 315pm	Any remaining fayre donations in
Friday 30th November	Cakes in to school
Saturday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 25th January 2008	Bingo Night
Thursday 14th February	Valentines cake and biscuit sale
Sunday 9th March	Car Boot Sale
Sunday 18th May	Car Boot Sale

