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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the FOFs, Mr Staples, staff and volunteers for all their help at the events we have run this year and a thanks to all of you for the support you've given to make these events a great success. Together it has been a great team effort. Well Done!

Below you will see where some of the money has gone and all of these items are much needed and will be a great asset to the school.

I look forward to seeing you all at our last event of the school year – the Family Fun Day (please read the back of this newsletter). FOFs, staff, children and parents/carers are working very hard to make this another successful event, but without your support this cannot be. Even if you can only join us for a short time on the day it will be greatly appreciated so come along, give us your support and who knows you may even enjoy yourselves...! I'm sure you will. Thank you and we all look forward to next school year.

Max Franklin - Chairperson, Friends of Fairlands

QUIZ NIGHT APRIL

We had another extremely successful quiz night back in April, raising a whopping **£340.95!** Fantastic! Thanks to all of you who supported this event and congratulations to Karen Oakley's team for winning the quiz – even beating the teacher's team!

There will be another quiz night next term and we will let you know the date as soon as possible. If you haven't been to one at Fairlands before give it a try – everyone comments on what a great night they've had. Do try to book your team as early as possible as it gets very busy – after all who can resist the fab fish and chip supper?

BINGO NIGHT JUNE

We held our second Bingo night on 6th June and even though turnout was poor we managed to raise **£135.20** – not bad at all! We could really boost the fundraising and raise quite a large amount if more people supported this so please try to attend when the next one is arranged for next term.

Book prices are very cheap and last time you could win £5 for a house, £3 for 2 lines and £2 for 1 line. Most people went away up on the night and had a good evening out at the same time. The prize money goes up with more people attending – worth remembering for next time when we'll all be thinking of cash we need for Christmas shopping!

PHONES FOR SCHOOLS

Don't worry this isn't a mad scheme to get phones for schoolchildren! If any of you have any old mobile phones lurking around in a drawer at home please post it in the box by the office as we are now part of a scheme allowing us to send old phones in and have them exchanged for cash. We will of course be reminding you about this at Christmas when you may be getting swish new phones as presents!

FATHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to all who supported the Fathers Day Present Room, we hope the children enjoyed shopping with us. Obviously it's great to raise money at these events however this one was more about giving the children the opportunity to buy gifts for loved ones.

If there are any presents you would like to see included in future present rooms then please let us know as it's your money the children are spending!

We are also very keen to hear your comments on prices charged in our present rooms – do you think we're asking for too much for the gifts or would you be willing to let your children spend more? Please let us know so we can tailor them to your needs where possible.

We did raise **£50** and the children appeared to enjoy themselves so the day was very successful – we hope you enjoyed your gifts!

WHERE'S THE MONEY GONE?

We've been busy raising funds this last term and we've been just as busy spending them. You may have heard about the new picnic benches from your children. All children eating packed lunches are now able to eat in the KS2 grounds picnicking together. This seems to have gone down very well and is much easier to manage the lunchtime in a safe and smooth manner this way.

We have also purchased some much-needed musical instruments for both buildings in order for the music curriculum to be delivered in a more exciting way.

And finally, we have bought reading books for KS2 as there were some in very short supply.

So overall we hope you agree that we've put the funds to good use and that they are benefitting all children.

FAMILY FUN DAY



Sunday 13th July : 12 – 3pm

We're going to have a large range of stalls, rides and activities to suit all ages. These will include the scout train, bouncy castles, play area for the under 3's, tattoos, face painting, traditional Summer Fayre games and much more... with Boro Bear making an appearance to open the day for us.

Remember to skip lunch at home – don't slave away over a Sunday roast, come and enjoy our BBQ, ice cream, hot and cold drinks and cakes!

We will also be having a car boot sale on the day (at the same time) and the cost of a pitch will be £5. So empty out the loft and dig out your unwanted treasures and raise yourself a bit of cash to help entertain the children during the 6-week break! Please book your pitch in advance with Max or the office as soon as possible so we can work out a floor plan for the day – there's a load to fit in!

For the first time we are having a central display arena. Here some of the children will be impressing us all with their gymnastic, dancing and musical abilities. There will be a timetable published so don't worry about missing your child if they are involved.

We will be sending raffle tickets home soon via book bags so remember to get your child selling them. There will be a £5 voucher for the child who sells the most tickets. We have many prizes to be won and the top 3 are:

Top Prize - Digital Camera

2nd Prize - £50.00 voucher for Chicagos

3rd Prize – Tickets for 4 people at Hollywood Bowl

Other prizes include meals out; hair cuts, swimming vouchers, football tickets, massages and manicures.

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 as soon as possible:

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. If you need a jar then please ask Max or one of the other committee members and we will arrange to get one to you or pop the bits in a bag and we will fill the jar for you.

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 11th July** 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 **Tuesday 8th July**. 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.

SHOEBOXES: We are holding a fruit gift box tombola this year so we need any shoeboxes you have so we can get them decorated and filled. We need to have these as soon as possible!

VOLUNTEERS: We will need volunteers to help with the Family Fun Day. We 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 all help!

And finally, the most important thing to make it a fantastic day? **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. We look forward to seeing you there!