

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Friends of Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the end of my first term as the new Chairperson of Friends of Fairlands. We've had a very busy and successful term with the Halloween Discos and our Christmas Fayre a couple of weeks ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the 'Friends', teachers and helpers for all their hard work and efforts during the last term and you, the parents and carers, for your support at our events.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our events next term.

Best wishes
Jackie Gray
Chairperson
Friends of Fairlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was that time of year where we have our Annual General Meeting. This year there has been quite a shake up in the committee, the main one being the loss of Max Franklin our long standing Chairperson. The duly elected members for this year are as follows:

Chairperson: Jackie Gray
Vice Chairperson: Penny Smith
Treasurer: Vickie Holland
Secretary: Lorraine Hemmings/
Vickie Holland

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas for the Friends of Fairlands then please feel free to contact any of the above who will be more than happy to help.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween discos were a huge success again this year with an amazing £305 being raised. The children had a great night and looked fabulous in their costumes. So a big thank you goes out to you parents and carers for letting your child attend.

CHILDREN IN NEED NOVEMBER 14th

We held a non-school uniform day to raise money for **Children in Need**. We had a great response this year and raised an amazing £161.81. Which I am sure will help many people.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What a great day! We raised an incredible £594. Thank you for everyone who turned up on the day and supported us. Father Christmas found time in his busy schedule to attend and delivered his Christmas letters, which the children absolutely loved and, of course, our turkey rolls were a big hit again this year.

We would like to thank every member of staff and the volunteers as, without their help and input, we wouldn't have been able to do the Christmas Fayre. So a Big thank you to all.

TEAS AND COFFEES

We now serve teas and coffees at several events throughout the year including Teacher/Parent Consultations and at the Christmas performances.

At this year's KS1 Christmas performances, we raised £43.10, which was donated to the Stevenage Borough Council **Children's Toy Appeal**. Thank you everyone.

WHERE'S THE MONEY GONE?

In the New Year we will be sending out a short questionnaire asking for ideas from parents/carers and children on how you would like us to spend some of the money we raise. We'd really like to have some good targets to be working towards and we value your input so get your thinking caps on!

DATES FOR FUNDRAISING 2009/2010

Mothers Day Present Room	Tuesday 9 th March All day
Easter Disco	TBA
Father's Day Present Room	Tuesday 15 th June All day
Family Fun Day	Saturday 10 th July 11am - 2pm

Now for some fun.....

FAMILY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Santa!

1. Where does Santa Live?
2. What is the name of Santa's red-nosed reindeer?
3. What are the names of Santa's other reindeers?
4. How does Santa traditionally get into a house?
5. What do they call Santa Claus in France?
6. What is Santa's favourite food?
7. And what about his reindeers?
8. How does Santa travel about?
9. If Santa was a saint, what would his name be?
10. What is Father Christmas' dog called?

Christmas Traditions

1. What other words describe the time of Christmas?
2. Boxing Day is also known as St_____ day?
3. Who in the carol traditionally looked out on this day?
4. On what date does Twelfth Night fall?
5. What do some do under the mistletoe?
6. What are traditional Christmas colours?
7. Christmas lights on the tree have replaced what?
8. What plants are traditional at Christmas?
9. What is traditionally inside a Christmas cracker?
10. How do snowmen get around?