

Friends of Fishergate School Newsletter Spring 2024

Hello Fishergate Families,

Welcome to our Spring Update of past & future events for this school year.

We had phenomenal support from everyone in school over the last two terms. Thank you for the many ways that you support Friends events. As always it is a complete team effort across the school community.

2023/2024 Fundraising Highlights to date.

- The Halloween Disco & Pumpkins - **£521.16**
- Quiz & Curry Night - **£270.98**
- The APFS Christmas card sales - **£241.00**
- The Christmas Fair - **£1,680.59**
- The Christmas Shop - **£972.82**
- Spring Disco - **£268.22**

A shout out to Father Christmas and his Elf, who visited the school in December and all the children in school were given a small present. We would like to offer our greatest appreciation to Father Christmas and his mischievous Elf for all their efforts at such a busy time!

Kind Donation

Friends were deeply touched when Ms Ellie Ball, a year 5 & 6 Teacher recently said that she would like to donate money raised at her Grandma's funeral to Friends of Fishergate School.

Ellie said that her Grandma, Patricia used to love hearing about Ellie's life teaching in school and took a keen interest in hearing about the children.

Friends would like to express our deepest sympathies to Ms Ball alongside a heartfelt thanks for such a kind and generous gesture in memory of Patricia. This money along with phase group cake money is funding a special DT project which Yr 5/6 children are currently undertaking.

Recent Funding

Fundraising so far has supported the school in a number of ways this year:

- Panto Trip in December - Friends subsidised theatre tickets to all KS1/KS2 children.
- Equipment purchased at the request of the school Well-Being Team to develop the Sensory Room.
- Extra Bean bags purchased for the Library to create comfortable reading areas for readers.
- A new clock mounted on the school building into the playground to encourage 'telling the time' skills.
- Coach costs for the Robinwood Residential.

Well done once again to the Year 6 children who hosted games in their classrooms at the Christmas Fair. They raised a very hearty **£207.91!** This along with the funds raised from the Year 6 Leavers hoodies will be used to fund the Leavers end-of-year treat in summer.

Upcoming FoF Dates For Your Diaries:

Friends Coffee Mornings, Every Thursday at 9am, Staff Room, Upper School Hall. Free Tea, Coffee & biscuits for Parents & Carers. Nom!

Table TopSale, Saturday 27th April, 12-3pm, in the School Playground. Free entry, bric-a-brac, bookstall, plant sale, refreshments & food. Contact Friends if you would like to take a table for £5 - there is a small number currently left.

Friends of Fishergate Meeting, Thursday 13th June (Busk, 9am)

Summer Fair Planning & AOB - Open to all.

Summer Fair Donations Day, 04/07/24 w/c 01/07/23

Details will be sent out in Summer term, similar requests to Christmas fair. More details below.

Fishergate School Summer Fair, School Sports Field Saturday 6th July 2024. Afternoon.

Bright & leisurely outdoor gathering with lots of opportunity to meet with friends and family, games, entertainment, food & refreshments. Make a day of it!

Summer Term Cake Sale Dates

Cake sales over two terms have so far raised £1,303.66. Upcoming dates for year groups are:

- Year 5 & 6, 19/04/24, 17/05/24
- Year 3 & 4, 26/04/24, 07/06/24
- Year 1 & 2, 03/05/24, 14/06/24
- Early Years 10/05/24, 21/06/24

Frozen Fridays start on 28/06/24. Lollies will be on sale in the playground at pickup time.

We always need extra helpers, let us know if you can help out!

If you would like to be a part of your year group team, or help selling lollies, please email us with your details on friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com

Summer Fair

Please save your 'Jam Jars' for the Summer Fair!

The 'Jam Jar' stall at our school fairs is always very popular so if you can just lay your hands on a few nearer the time, it's very helpful! The Summer Fair is in July so this is a gentle & early request! We just ask you to fill them with small and mini items, puzzles, sweets or coins - be creative, do it on the cheap - these are like little boxes of treasures to the children.

Further details about *Summer Fair* donations will be out soon - keep your eyes peeled!

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