

January 2020

Dear All

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair with donations, help and shopping on the day! We are really pleased to announce, after expenses we raised £413.69.

We have a few fundraisers planned over the coming months, which include self-portrait keepsakes of the whole school together. We are just choosing between an Eco Bag or a tea towel. Please do have a look at the school Friends Facebook page to see the items we have made before and have a vote of which item you would prefer.

We will also be having a silent Auction of Promises again, which is a fantastic fundraiser generally raising around £1000. There will be 'auction lots' of promises made by parents such as grass cutting, cake making, taxi drives and more added with vouchers from your beautician, butcher etc. Full information will come out in due course.

Thank you to Eva Avison's family for the foreign coin collection ideas. The Black Swan, Dishforth collected £70.79 for us and the box in school collected £25.07. We have therefore raised a total of £95.86 so thank you very much for all your contributions. We have a further collection to come in from The Crown Pub, Dishforth.

The box is staying in place in the front of school. You can help by simply sorting out any old foreign notes and coins left over from holidays and business trips. Any old British or Irish coins and notes can also help. Even old decimal coins or farthings, 1d pennies, three pence, six pence, shillings and crowns are welcome. The children will be able to place them into our very Special Coin Machine, created and donated by Eva Avison's family.

We are also planning an event all the family can come to. Please do follow the Friends Facebook page to keep up to date.

NEW IDEA!

Individual Class After School Playground Sales;

We are going to try a new way of fundraising for Friends of School that we have heard is successful in other Primary Schools.

This is a great way of finding new ideas and adding extra pennies to the school fundraising pot. This fundraising is in addition to the fundraising already planned by Friends and is a contribution from the parents not usually involved in organising a school event. This will also allow our Friends members who commit to every event having the opportunity to stand at the other side of the table with their own children.

The idea

Each Year group (or class if it is a small year group) will receive a set Month in which to have a fundraiser.

Parents of that class are to take responsibility for a playground sale.

Together you can decide what you are selling. Perhaps you may choose to do crafts that you make, drinks, a tombola, cakes, raffle, games, items to sell. You decide!

You can choose the date; please can we just ask that you check the date with the school office first to check it is not clashing with a planned school event.

Each time it is your child's class, turn you may decide on a different project and a different parent to coordinate it, then the workload is spread out between you.

If you have children in different classes you may just help coordinate one and be a customer at the event held by your other child's class.

We will leave it to each class to choose their own ideas and coordinators. However, please do contact Sarah Lynch who can sort any photocopying with school for you and advertise your fundraiser on the Friends Face Book Page (Sarah Jane on the class chat groups)

The only items we ask not to sell are bags of just sweets as we are a "Healthy School", however, for example sweet drinks, lollies, fruit in chocolate and the knitted animals with Chocolate Oranges in are acceptable due to the fact for example, they are a feature of the knitted animal you actually buy.

Here is the Month for your child's class.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Month</u>
February	Nursery and Reception
March	Years One and Two
<i>April</i>	<i>Easter Break</i>
May	Year Three
June	Year Four
July	Years Five and Six

Thank you in advance and good luck with your stall.

Friends of School