

SPRING IS HERE!

FINALLY! AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...

Our Spring Fayre is just around the corner! Last year, the Fayre was our biggest fundraising event and we were so grateful to you all for your support. Together, we managed to raise a huge amount towards the school's new library.



This year, we're aiming big again! We asked what the children would like and the School Council, which includes two children from each year group in years 3 to 6, has spoken...they would like an outdoor stage to play, learn and perform on. We'd love to raise enough money to buy an outdoor stage like this one, ideally with some seating so it can be used as an outdoor classroom too. We loved the idea so much, we've themed the whole Fayre around performing arts; the Greatest Show!



SPRING FAYRE THE GREATEST SHOW

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024
3.15-5.15PM

OUR COMMITTEE

VOTED IN FOR ANOTHER YEAR

What a great night we had at our quiz and AGM in April, when the new Committee was voted in - Linda, Claire, Lyz, Katherine, Sophie, Hannah, Kirsty and Jo pictured here with Mrs Purkis. Big thanks to Simon Tooley and Nick Clark, our super quiz masters who gave up their time for free, and to Felpham Chippy

for our delicious dinner. Our next AGM will be held in the Autumn, soon after the end of our financial year...so watch this space for our plans.

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

♥ YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN AMAZING ♥

We've held so many events since our last newsletter in October, and that wouldn't have been possible without all your help - thank you all so much! Here's a quick throwback to our fundraising events over the last 6 months...

Flexible Friday



£1010



£937

Wreath making



£128



Elfridges

Christmas designs



£384



£181

Christmas hamper raffle



£677



£622

Quiz night

Golden ticket event



£776



Easter hampers

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GRANT MAGIC ✨

RAISING EVEN MORE FOR THE SCHOOL

Alongside our fundraising events and regular income, such as EasyFundraising and the uniform rail, we have been incredibly fortunate to win a number of grants over the last few months. Thanks to the expert knowledge of one of our Committee Members, we have successfully applied for a total of £6,000 since October! We've got Tesco Stronger Starts, Felpham Parish Council, BUPA Foundation Green Grant and the Benefact Group to thank for that.



The grant money has to be used for the projects we talk about in the applications. So far, this has included new equipment for the Reception outdoor area, as well as reading resources for the whole school and a planned outdoor extension to the new library. More details on this to follow but, for now, we're really pleased to share some photos of how our previous donations are benefitting the children...



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DONATIONS

HOW THE SCHOOL IS BENEFITTING

We have tried to make our recent fundraising events more meaningful and enjoyable for the children, so they benefit from the experience as well as the money raised. We are saving most of our fundraising towards new outdoor resources, but we have been able to arrange these donations and experiences...



Trips and visitors
(Donated Sept 2023)



£2100



Fancy dress rail



Santa visit and gifts



Woodland Trust trees



£468

Wonderful Women
Surprise shop



£542



£350

Christmas crafts



Easter bunny

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WHAT NEXT?

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE GOT COMING UP THIS TERM...

SPRING FAYRE – THE GREATEST SHOW

Keep your fingers crossed for lovely weather because we've got so much planned! The amazing team at Whitlocks Estate Agents have sponsored a Circus Skills

Workshop run by Nick Cook so that all the children can have a go for free! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of more local sponsors, games, tombolas, obstacle course, inflatables, hot food, ice cream, candy floss and a bar!!

Remember this hilarious moment from last year?! We'll be putting some brave teachers through something similar this year so watch this space!

RAFFLE

Back by popular demand! Hopefully you've seen details of the amazing prizes up for grabs on our Facebook page. Tickets are £1 each and will be available for sale after school on 7th, 9th, 13th, 15th and 17th May, as well as at the Fayre on 21st May. Please bring cash!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE'VE GOT LOTS OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you spare any time to help us set up, clear up, or run stalls at the Fayre? The more volunteers we have, the more we can do!! Parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles are all welcome!!

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