

# Friends of Drayton Community Infant School Spring Term 2018 Newsletter

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We have had a very successful Autumn Term in 2017 and with all the events held we raised a fantastic £3293.50, which we were delighted with. So thank you to all the committee members who made each event possible and thanks to all the families who have attend and contributed to the occasions.

All the children enjoyed many Christmas festivities at school and breakfast with Santa was very well supported with lots of happy children. The Friends group agreed to cover the costs so every child received a book if they could attend or not, so we hope everyone liked them! The Friends also provided the school with some tree decorations, table decorations and crackers etc, which all the children enjoyed!

### Improving reading opportunities

In October 2017 The Friends group gave funds to help implement a new reading scheme for the children at Drayton Infant to enhance opportunities for all year groups. They have informed us that the positive outcome is as follows:

- 79.3% Year 1 and 58.3% Year 2 change their books at least one or more times each week.

### Children's quotes

- "The books are more interesting"
- "Last time you had the same book all of the time it was boring. Now if you finish you get a new one or if you do not like it you get a new one"
- "My reading has got better, I read my book more now"
- "I read lots more now I can change my book so I get further on the reading challenge"
- "It's good because I got to learn new things and I moved up a book band"

### Parent Quotes

- "Very good for improving reading, my child is excited to be able to choose new book and change a book if he finds it boring quickly."

### DATES FOR YOUR 2018 DIARY...

#### **'Someone Special' shop...**

9<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Non Uniform Day**

9<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Spring Disco**

16<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Committee meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Easter Fair**

27<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Pamper Event**

13<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Summer Disco**

25<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Summer Fair**

6<sup>th</sup> July

### Tesco 'Bags of Help'...

Within the 4 local Tesco's we have a 'box' for you to put your tokens in which you can collect at the till after shopping. We are up against 2 other local schools so please support us and remember to ask for the tokens. If our school collects the most we could win £4000 to support our outdoor equipment plans.

Someone Special Gift Shop - On 9<sup>th</sup> March the school hall will be set up as a little gift shop for the children to buy a gift for someone special in their life, this may be a mummy, step mummy, nanny, auntie, sister or other relation. All gifts will be £2. The children will need to be collected from their classrooms as usual and taken round to the main entrance where they will be supported by a member of Friends committee to chose a gift and purchase it themselves.

Non uniform day – On 9<sup>th</sup> March all the children are invited to wear non uniform and instead of bringing in money, we are asking for chocolate donations such as Easter eggs, boxes of chocolate or even hot chocolate, as we will be running a chocolate tombola at our forthcoming Easter event!

The Spring School Disco will be available for all the children to enjoy on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Following the success of the last discos we are continuing to split them into two age groups and this time they will be **Reception 5pm – 5.45pm** and **Year 1 and 2 6pm – 7pm**. If you are able to help at either of these then the rotas will be displayed in the porch of the school 1 week before the event.

The teachers will have access to all the usual contact/emergency contact details, however if it is someone different dropping off or collecting your child and we wouldn't have their telephone number please inform the staff at the entrance of the disco.



The coffee room will be available for parents who need to stay on site.

**Tickets are £2 per child and are available on the school gate  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March AM and PM.**

### Thank You...

We would both like to thank the committee for supporting all the events we have carried out and all the events we have planned. Everyone is committed to making a difference for our children and the experiences we can give them, whilst school budgets focus on other aspects of learning. There is a lovely atmosphere in the group and anyone is welcome to join us, please email [dcisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dcisfriends@gmail.com) if you would be interested to support us.

We would also like to thank the teachers for giving up their own time to support the discos, fireworks and breakfast with Santa, the children certainly enjoyed sharing these events with you.

### What are we fundraising for?

We are currently fundraising for large outdoor equipment for all the children to enjoy. We hope the works can be carried out this summer holidays! If anyone has any skills or thoughts to support this idea please email the above address!

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