

Friends of Drayton Community Infant School Spring and Summer Term 2019 Newsletter



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Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the Autumn term last year, and Spring term this year. In the Autumn we raised a fantastic £4,253.68 from the Smarties Challenge, Fireworks event, Disco, Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas card sales, and in the Spring term £1,185.25 from the Disco, Easter event, and Someone Special gift shop all of which is going to be spent on the children in this Summer term. All the events have been very successful and we continue to reflect on each one to make it even better for next year. There is a core group of parents who work so hard to make these events happen and we have welcomed new helpers as the year has progressed, so I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps these events happen, as the children thoroughly enjoy them and ultimately that is who we are all supporting the Friends group for.

Spending...

This School Year we have been able to provide the coaches for Year 1 and Year R to enjoy a trip and Year 2 will be enjoying a trip this summer term.

The Friends have also purchased 8 Laptops for the children to enjoy in Acorn time and other opportunities, which will be arranged by the teachers.

During the Spring term we have supported the school to enhance children's learning in some subjects by giving £800 towards multicultural week, £500 on RE resources and £200 towards Science week in the Summer term.

When we asked the teachers what other aspects of the school provision could be enhanced they said reading books, so the Friends have allocated £1000 for the Year 2 books to be replenished and then Year 1 and R will have theirs renewed next year. These new books should arrive any day!

At the end of Year 2 the Friends group annually help the children to celebrate their end of year by giving £500 for an entertainer, party and BBQ for the children to enjoy! Also the children get a photo book keepsake which is designed and funded by the Friends group and this has been very popular in previous years with positive feedback, so the Friends will fund this for 2019 too!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Disco
Friday 17th May

**Y2 Photo Day - Leavers
Book**
22nd May 2019

**Someone Special gift
shop**
7th June

**Non-Uniform – Bring a
bottle**
Monday 8th July

Summer Fair
Friday 12th July

When the children were asked what they would like they said new books, new stationary, and the playground repainted. All of which is being supported by the Friends.



SUMMER FETE!!!

We are currently making plans for our Summer Fete, which will be held on the school field

Friday 12th July 5 – 8pm

There will be lots of entertainment for all the family including, disco Freddie, performances from the children, bouncy castles, tombola, hook a duck, and much more to be confirmed. There will also be a BBQ, cold drinks and Bar for everyone to enjoy!

**Tickets will be on sale on the school gate running up to the event.
More details will follow in the coming months.**

We would really appreciate help at this event as it takes a lot of helpers to run stalls on the day, even 30 minutes will make a huge difference. Please see the rotas on the Friends facebook page or in the school lobby nearer the event or email dcisfriends@gmail.com.

The final school disco of the year for the children to enjoy will be on **Friday 17th May 2019**. There will be two separate discos, one for **Reception 5pm – 5.45pm** and the **second 6pm – 7pm for Year 1 and 2**. Teachers will be attending so there will be familiar faces for the children, which will be great to see, thank you to them in advance.

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



**Tickets for these are £2 per child and are also available on the school gate
Monday 13th May– Friday 17th May AM and PM.**

Wishing Stars...

Outside each classroom there is a wishing bucket, which has been created so that parents or grandparents etc who want to help with any donations or resources for weekly activities can support each classroom individually. There is either ideas in the bucket or a list on the class notice board. Please place any donations in the bucket and the teachers will really appreciate it and enhance children's immediate play and learning opportunities. Thank you.

What are we fundraising for?

This term we are fundraising to redesign part of the Reception outdoor area to enhance learning opportunities for the children and more reading books for the other year groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families of Drayton Community Infant School an enjoyable Summer Term.

Emmy Byrne – Chair of DCIS and Rachel Stockwell – Vice Chair of DCIS