



Fundraising Update

What a busy start to the school year! Disco, fireworks (eventually), Winter Fayre...

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped make these events happen...

Katie Scotland for organising another great disco - our biggest yet, raising just over £500!

Sarah Williams and Jemma Regan-Cummins for organising another fabulous fireworks night. We got there in the end, and raised a healthy £2,194, with a third (£731) going to our friends at preschool.

Sarah Lynott, Lucy Stavri, Louise Lloyd, Sarah Jackson, Sophie Thal-Jantzen and Harriet Pilkington for putting on a superb Winter Fayre. Final figure still to be confirmed, but it looks like we raised just over £2,100.

In addition to these events, thank you to the wonderful team of Jono Buchanan, Nicky Thomas and Jo Taylor, who've been running the weekly after school music club, which has so far raised £166.

And a massive thank you to everyone else who has helped at, supported and contributed to these events. It is very much appreciated.

With the addition of cake sales, Give As You Live, Christmas cards and the continued support of 17 families making monthly donations (thank you!), our current fundraising total for this academic year is almost £6k!

School Wishlist Progress

As well as raising money, we've also been busy spending it!

You may remember from our last newsletter that Mr Wishart presented us with a wishlist of resources the school would like this year, including additional teaching assistant hours.

We're pleased to announce that we've been able to give the school the funding to allow them to increase Teaching Assistant hours by four afternoons per week, as well as an additional afternoon per week for support with maths interventions. These extra hours will be split evenly between infants and juniors.

We've also given the go-ahead to purchase a number of other wishlist items, including bluetooth keyboards for ipads, workbench equipment for George and Bythesea, tables and chairs for the 'break out'/support room and yoga mats and cushions.

We hope to complete the remainder of the wishlist in the new year.

MATCH FUNDING

Do you work for a company that offers match funding? Are you looking for a challenge for the new year? Please get in contact if that sounds like you! Last year our Stourhead triathletes raised a magnificent £3k - it would be great if we could get another team to try and match that total, this year.

THE FRESHFORD FAMILY COOKBOOK

Due to such a busy term, this project had to be put on the back burner, but we hope to get it up and running again sometime in the new year, so watch this space...

JOBS!

We'd still very much like someone to join the PTA Committee as Secretary and/or to help out with comms to keep everyone up to date with what we're up to. Please get in touch, if you can help.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas. George & Louise

OTHER THANK YOUS

Parent Readers

Thank you to Lucy Stavri and Rachel Rice who have taken on the role of reading volunteer coordinators.

If you'd like to offer some time to come in and read with the children, please let them know.

Solar Panels

Thank you to the dedicated team of Emma Heatley-Adams, Claudia Towner, Nick Tomlinson and Nick Spicer who have been busy working on the school's solar panel plans. Also, Andy Kemp for making such an inspiring film about it!

And thank you to everyone who has supported the planning application so far. The planning decision will be announced in the new year!

CLASS REPS 2018/19

A reminder if you need it...

George - Sarah Williams & Elizabeth Ellen

Bythesea - Lucy Dunbar & Shannon Neenan

Ashe - Faye Flavell & Rachel Rice

Mill - Vicki Mowat & Vicki Willington

Joyce - Amanda Barrington, Rosy Ritchie & Germaine Greig

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that school uniform should now be purchased via the BTmydonate page. The link and instructions can be found on our website: www.freshfordpta.com

GIVE AS YOU LIVE



Remember to use GAYL to raise funds for the school while doing your online shopping - especially when booking holidays! Not signed up yet? Visit Freshfordpta.com for more details and the sign up link.