

# **FUS Newsletter**



# December 2016

What an amazing term of events and fundraising! Thank you to everyone who has organized and helped out at all the events.



Last Friday, the Christmas season was welcomed in with the Christmas Fair. Many thanks to Georgina Polkinghorne, who organized the fair, and to all those who ran the various stalls.

Also, thanks to everyone who sent in gifts for the hampers and tombola. There was a splendid array of prizes and lots of very pleased winners!

# Fundraising update

Whilst the Christmas fair was the main fundraising event of this half term we have raised funds through other means. The amount raised at the fair is not yet finalized but we will let you know in the New Year.

Kate Kemmett, as Treasurer, has secured matched funding for the money raised at October's Swing Band event. This has added an additional £250 to the FUS funds. Kate has also applied for volunteer hours through her work at Lloyds Bank and they have given £500!

# **ECO Bags for Sale**

If anyone would like to purchase the school ECO bag please either return your order slip along with payment to the school office by the end of this week. Mrs Saunders has bags available in the school office so you can also purchase them from her directly. They will also be on sale at the Nativity play on Wednesday evening.

As a reminder, the cost of the bags is £6 for one or £5 each when purchasing two or more bags.

The bag is on display outside the school office and EVERY child is represented.





# Spending

So far this term we have given each class £200 for the class teacher to purchase additional resources to help learning in the classroom. We have also paid just over £500 for the annual Mathletics license.

We will be supporting other projects over the year and we work closely with the school to ensure that all the hard earned funds are used to benefit all the children at the school.

# Easyfundraising

Christmas is now around the corner and if, like me, you are still busy with Christmas shopping please remember when shopping online to use the Easyfundraising app. We recently received £100 from Easyfundraising and that is simply through sitting on the sofa with a laptop!!

To register for Easyfundraising and direct your donations to the FUS follow this link

https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fus/

Installing the app means that you are less likely to forget to use easyfundraising when purchasing online and it really is so easy.

#### Gift Aid

If you haven't registered for gift aid please speak to Kate Kemmett who can register you. Kate is busy setting up gift aid and hoping to get back payment for the last four years.

#### **Second-Hand Uniform**

The FUS now has a stock of second hand uniform which is on sale at cake sales and other events. If you have any uniform to donate please bring it in clean and with name labels removed where possible. There will be a collection point at the school reception.

### **Upcoming Events**

Date for the diary —**Thursday 9**<sup>th</sup> **February** will see the return of the extremely popular school disco. We will be sending out more details early next term.

The full diary of events for next term has yet to be finalized so watch this space.

If anyone has an idea for a fundraising event or social event that they would like to organise please let me or other committee members know.

## **Next Meeting**

The next FUS meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January, 8pm, The Old Crown Pub. It is always lovely to see new faces at the meetings so please do come if you are free. However, if you are unable to come to meetings you can still get involved and find out more by joining the FUS email list. If you are interested please email me on Judithstedeford@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list of names.

Alternatively, just speak to one of the committee members about becoming involved.

# **And Finally**

Don't forget our Facebook page:

#### www.facebook.com/friendsofuleyschool

Here you can follow what's happening and keep abreast of all the latest news.

