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Friends Newsletter

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Easter Craft Fair

What a fantastic event this year which was enjoyed by almost every child in the school! A huge thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after this event to make it such a treat. In particular a huge thank you to Dominique Compton who every year does so much work before the fair and on the day putting together lovely crafts for the children to enjoy. This year the fair raised over £700!!!

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to Marion Clapp and Debbie Glynn who took on this event this year. The children really love taking part in this in school and this year the raffle raised almost £200!

School Disco

The ever popular school disco was another success this time raising £433. The children really love this event so for your reference the next one is booked for 13th November.

You may be wondering why the kids should have all the fun. In response to a few requests Friends will be holding a Christmas disco for the parents on the evening of 10th December. More details will follow but if you fancy strutting your stuff to traditional Christmas favourites put the date in your diary!

Acorn Aid

Friends ran another Acorn Aid week this half term and again the response was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Summer Fair

Plans for the St Helens summer fair and now well underway. The date is 3rd July. Your classroom reps are on the look out for helpers so if you would like to get involved please let them know as soon as possible. There will be some new attractions this year so fingers crossed for sunshine on the day!

Village Day Float

This year's theme is "Wheathampstead Then and Now". This marks the 950th anniversary of the Wheathampstead Charter being granted by Edward the Confessor to the Abbey of St Peter at Westminster. The theme for our float has been decided as "St Helens Then & Now". Thank you to all those who have come forward to help. Any additional helpers will be most welcome so please let either Clare or Celine know if you would to get involved.

Picnic On The Field

This will be held on 25th June. Details to follow.

Freddie Rowe-Crowder

At the beginning of this half term we had our first fund raiser for Freddie, the coffee morning on 28th April. Since then, there have been further fund raising events both within and outside of the school, and donations from Freddie's family and friends, parents and children of St Helens and the wider community. Together we have raised an incredible £65,000.

This will meet the cost of the courses of treatments that are planned for Freddie so far. However, he may need further treatments. Therefore, we will continue to collect funds raised for Freddie. In the event that there are funds left over once treatment has been completed we will put these towards the cost of home schooling which Freddie will need having had so much time away from school.

It is really wonderful how our community has come together in response to this appeal and we would like to extend our warmest thanks to everyone who has been involved.

School Uniform

If your child has suddenly outgrown their uniform head to the Friends website and download an order form. Fill in the details and leave for our uniform coordinator Cathy Copp at the office.

Next Friends Meeting

The next Friend's meeting will be on 28th June 2010 in Room 10 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break.

Celine Whitehouse & Clare Bange

For any Friends issues contact Celine Whitehouse or Clare Bange via the school office or email celine.whitehouse@friendsofsthelens.net or clare.bange@friendsofsthelens.net