



Friends of Stoke by Nayland

CEVC Primary School

A helping hand, working for your children

October 2016 Newsletter

Now the new school year is in full swing, we'd like to welcome all our new parents and thank all those who supported us last year. Our last, but biggest fundraiser, the Summer Fayre in July, raised a little over £1,000, so many thanks to everyone who helped organise, set up and run the stalls and games. I think a good time was had by all.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday, Oct 7th

The children in the School Council have decided they'd like to run coffee morning in the hall in aid of the MacMillan nurses after school drop off on Friday, so please come along for a coffee and chat if you have time. It will be a lovely way to meet other parents and support a good cause. Mrs Hill has asked if there are three parents available who wouldn't mind running the kitchen and any donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received. If you can help, please let Mrs Hill (Saplings) know.

Tuck Shop

We run a fortnightly Tuck Shop in the playground after school on a Friday. We could really do with a couple of parents who wouldn't mind taking it in turns to come along at 3pm to help set up and serve the children. If you're interested, please let Jane Collins (Libby's Mum, Silver Birch) know.

Tuck Shop Dates this term: Friday 30th Sept, Oct 14th, Nov 4th, Nov 18th, Dec 9th

Glow in the Dark Disco

We're currently trying to book a DJ to host our school disco after half term. We're hoping James from Shortz Soundz can do it again this year, but if anyone can recommend another DJ just in case he can't do it, I'd be very grateful for their contact details. This year we're planning to make it a Glow in the Dark theme with the children wearing luminous clothes and with light wands and bracelets available to buy at pocket money prices. Watch out for a letter coming home soon.

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Christmas Fayre

Following the success of last year's fayre, we're planning to hold another one after school one evening at the end of November. This year we'll try and spread it out a little more as it was rather crowded in the hall! As usual, if anyone has any unwanted gifts or bits they would like to donate, we are always please to accept them for the pocket money stall or as prizes.

Bags2School

Unfortunately our July collection only raised around £35, probably because it got swallowed up by the Summer Fayre, so we're hoping for a better collection on December 8th which is when the next one is booked. Again watch out for a letter nearer the time, but it's a great way of getting rid of all your unwanted clothes for a good cause.

The Friends

The Friends is an informal group of parents who support the school by giving up some of their time to organise fundraising events throughout the year. Last year for example, these events helped pay for the children to have swimming lessons, new school football kit, computer tablets as well as subsidising class trips and visitor experiences to name a few.

We believe our fundraising makes a huge difference to the children as it gives them that little bit extra to make their time at primary school more special and the experiences they share more accessible to all.

As a Friend your support is hugely appreciated. We know everyone is busy and lots of us work, however all parents are expected to give up some of your time, depending on what you can manage, to help with activities.

If you'd like to be more involved, please let your child's teacher, or Ada and Mary in the office know and I'm sure they will pass your details on, or you can come along to one of our occasional meetings which are advertised on the school gate.

Thank you for your continued support

Tamsin and the FOS team.

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