

# NEWS

SPRING TERM ISSUE 2

## UPCOMING EVENTS

THE EVENTS WE HAVE PLANNED BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE...

**During school - 4 March**

FRIENDS SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP CHALLENGE

**During school - 4 March**

WILLY WONKA BOOK SHOP

**25 March**

SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS MOTHER'S DAY SECRET GIFT SHOP

**After school - 25 March (please note change of date)**

AFTER SCHOOL EASTER HUNT

## Can you help?

if you are interested in joining the Friends, happy to join our volunteer list (we will contact you for support on upcoming events but no pressure to commit) or have suggestions for fundraising initiatives please email [pta@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@palacewood.kent.sch.uk).



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## FRIENDS OF PALACE WOOD SCHOOL

Wow! We can't believe we are publishing our next newsletter already but wanted to share all the fun activities we have planned before the Easter holidays (so we apologise in advance for the amount of Friends spam you will be receiving but we promise it will be worth it!). BUT first, as always, we need to say a **HUGE thank you** for all your support.

### THE FOREST SCHOOL



The children were all given a summer bulb to plant to mark the launch of the Forest School fundraising project. We can't wait to see photos of the flourishing flowers!

We have had the opportunity to discuss the plans with the school in more detail. Once we have reached our target of £8,000, the Friends will be purchasing the Roundhouse. A structure which will provide a sheltered base so the Forest School can be utilised to its maximum benefit all year round.

In addition, we have committed to help in other ways, including organising a 'Forest School Work Party' where the parents and friends of the school will be asked to volunteer their time and skills to help prepare the site. We are also exploring the possibility of families and local businesses sponsoring a steppingstone which will create a sensory pathway to the Forest School.

### OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

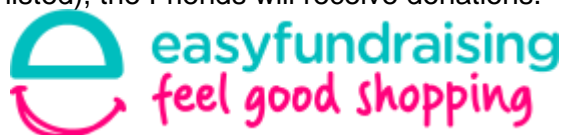


For the Forest School to be fully up and running by September we are not going to be able to rely on events alone. **We need your help!** We are looking for work party volunteers, steppingstone sponsorship, match funding and grants we can apply for, as well as donations and support from local businesses!

**More information on the different ways we need your support will be shared soon...**

### SUPPORT AS YOU SHOP

Did you know you can support the school when doing your online shopping and it is so easy! Simply sign up and select Palace Wood on **Amazon Smile** or **Easy Fundraising** <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/6vk2aa/>. Every time you shop (there are hundreds of high street and online retailers listed), the Friends will receive donations.





**GOLDEN TICKET**



## THE FRIENDS SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP CHALLENGE & WILLY WONKA BOOK SHOP

We are inviting all the children to take part in a sponsored Pancake Flip Challenge and visit our Willy Wonka Book Shop **in school on Friday 4 March 2022**. The pancake event will take place outside in class groups. Any friends or family that can sponsor the children to take part will be really appreciated! The children will also get the opportunity to visit the Willy Wonka Book Shop. For £1 (maximum £5 for 5 books) they can buy a pre-loved book and receive chocolate coin change! There are also 5 golden tickets to be won – just like the story! **Please see the event posters and email for all the information.**



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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our pre-loved uniform sales are still ongoing but since January we have raised £64 and saved clothing from landfill! If you have any uniform needs, please get in touch.



The **SHARE THE LOVE** event was a great success in terms of fundraising and spreading lots of kindness in the community! Thanks to your generosity we raised £606 towards the Forest School!

## SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS MOTHER'S DAY SECRET GIFT SHOP

We have organised a secret gift shop for Mother's Day. The children will have the opportunity to pre-order gifts and even breakfast in bed! There are a range of price points; £1, £3 or £5. Continental breakfast bags are £3. Orders need to be placed by **Friday 11 March 2022** and they will be delivered to the children's class on Friday 25 March 2022 ready for Mother's Day. **Please see the event poster and email for all the information.**



## AFTER SCHOOL EASTER HUNT

To finish our Spring Term fundraising activities, there will be an Easter Hunt after school on **Friday 25 March 2022**. The children will find clues hidden around the school and complete a hunt sheet. All those who take part will receive a chocolate egg. We will be selling refreshments and there will be an Easter raffle and Easter themed lucky dip! **More information coming soon...**

## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

We will announce our next Parents Friends meeting on Facebook

## POSSIBLE EVENTS THAT WILL BE COMING TO SCHOOL SOON...

After 2 years of COVID restrictions we are determined to pack in as much fun as possible this year! In summer term, we are planning to support the school with their Jubilee celebrations, have Lego building and summer holiday sandcastle competitions, set up a pop-up shop for Father's Day and potentially put on another Colour Run!!! BUT...what we know everyone will be most excited about is we are preparing for the return of the much-loved **Discos!!!** Keep your fingers crossed but Discos for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 are being planned for the Summer!

We can't wait!

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