

NEWS

SPRING TERM ISSUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

11 February

SHARE THE LOVE on Non-Uniform RED DAY

4 March

DURING SCHOOL SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP and BOOK EVENT

25 March

SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS MOTHER'S DAY SECRET GIFT SHOP

1 April

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.



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FRIENDS OF PALACE WOOD SCHOOL

We wanted to start our first newsletter as a new committee with a **HUGE thank you** for all your support with our recent events! It has been amazing to see the children so happy and our parents, carers and school community have been incredibly supportive so thank you, it means so much!

It is about time we introduced ourselves! The Friends of Palace Wood School is a registered charity run by volunteers (more about who we are later!). Our number one aim is to raise as much money as possible so the school can enhance the children's academic experience, but we will also make sure there is lots of fun to be had along the way!

EXCITING NEWS

WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?!

After many years of success, dedication and hard work, the Friends baton was passed to a new group of Volunteers in September. Your committee now includes Lauren, Mrs Emmerson, Ellie, Lorraine, Amy, Shirley and Carol-Anne.

COVID has had such a devastating effect on fundraising efforts, but the committee is excited for the new year. We can't wait to put on some fun events and even be able to bring back the much-loved discos! What better motivation than an amazing project to aim for!

We are excited to announce that the Friends will be working jointly with the school and dedicating the majority of our fundraising efforts to creating a **New Forest School** area for the **ALL the children to enjoy!** How fantastic would that be!

It's a **big target of £8,000 needed by July** to create this incredible space but we know our school community can do it! We have already achieved some of our target but there is a long way to go.

We need everyone to get involved so if you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, can volunteer your time (it doesn't matter how much) or are happy to be a class rep who passes information along from the Committee please do get in contact – the details of how are below!



SHARE THE LOVE THIS HALF TERM

For our first event of the year, we are asking the children to help the Friends share love in the local community with a random act of kindness!

On **11th February** every child will receive a heart to hide to brighten someone else's day when they find it! If you are able to show your support for this event, we will be collecting donations in the playground before and after the school day or you can donate online. More information can be found in the event poster.



FRIENDS BOOK EVENT

In support of the schools World Book Day activities, the Friends will be hosting an in-school book shop and we are very excited to share the details with you very soon!

Do you have children's books lying around at home that you no longer read? If so, **please think of donating them** to the Friends in support of our **UPCOMING BOOK EVENT** on **4th March!**

We are collecting books now and they can be dropped off in Friends collection boxes which can be found in the Oaks and Acorns playgrounds.

Any and every donation is appreciated!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Since September we have had some incredibly successful fundraising events which has given us the opportunity to make donations to the school. Here is a rundown of what we have raised so far!

Break the Rules and Grown Up for the Day £1,021.76
Autumn Half Term Trail £112.77
Hi-Five Challenge £49.45
Friends Quiz Night £378.03
Christmas Wreath Making £130.96
Christmas Jumper Sale £25
Christmas Fair £1,357.16

Thank you so much!

SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP

To celebrate pancake day, on **4th March**, we are organising a sponsored pancake flip event! Children will have 1 minute to flip their pancake as many times as they can! Prizes for the classes that achieves the most flips! **More information to follow in the event poster!**

SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS MOTHER'S DAY SECRET GIFT SHOP

The children will have opportunity to pre-order surprise gifts and treats for someone special in their life. Pre-orders will be taken in March and given to the children on **25 March** to take home ready for Mother's Day on 27 March.

AFTER SCHOOL EASTER HUNT

There will be an Easter Hunt around the school grounds on **1 April!** Complete the challenge and receive a yummy treat! **More information to follow in the event poster!**

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

We will announce our next Friends meeting on Facebook

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

In December, we held our Christmas fair and what a brilliant day it was! Every class had the opportunity to come to the fair and visit the stalls and there was lots of smiles all round!

A huge thank you to all of our lovely helpers that made it all possible, whether it was prepping for the day or running a stall. We couldn't have achieved it without you! We raised £1,357.16 which is fantastic, thank you!



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