



## F.S.F.A spring Newsletter 2015

**Hello everyone,**

It's great to see that everyone is in good health following the Christmas holidays; amazingly we are in February already and have managed our way through the brief spells of snow and slush - fingers crossed Spring will show her pretty face soon.

### **A quick review....**

The fundraising for the school has started off really positively.

The final total for the Christmas Fair was £736.85 and the raffle generated an amazing £406.50. Added to the money raised from the Firefighters' collection bags, we've raised a total of £1235 already! Thankyou everyone.

These funds will continue to support the school through their chosen areas of development.

We have already funded the training and purchase of some resources for the new Maths Scheme in school. This has proved to be a great success, with both the teachers and the children.

You may have seen the noticeboard that has appeared between the gates to the main playground and the Early Years play area. This has been bought by the FSFA to keep you updated with all of our activities. We hope you find it useful.

### **What's coming up.....**

Going forward, we're looking to support the school with funding some Forest school training and resources - exciting stuff!

We're also looking to fund additional music tuition and new songs and musical instruments are being gradually introduced through the year.

FSFA members are already on the case for new fundraising ideas for the coming year! We would greatly appreciate your help and support in anyway you can.

## Dates for 2015...

### January 2015:

Thanks to everyone who donated and collected clothing, shoes and bedding from family and friends.

We raised £92 by collecting all of our unwanted clothes and shoes, so have agreed to do this again in the Summer term. Please put all of your unwanted items aside and we'll let you know when we're collecting again!

### February 2015:

New school Uniform Order deadline, forms available at the school office, please return forms and payment by **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** to School Office or Julia Butlin. Pre-worn clothing is available to purchase and the last reduced priced lightweight fleece/coats are on show in the community room, please leave your donation with Julia or school office (named in envelope please) - donations of uniforms no longer needed are always welcome too.

### March 2015:

Keep Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> March** free. We're hijacking the Northumberland Arms quiz night and hosting our own as a social event and a fundraiser for the school.

One for the children:- we're trying something new, we would like to have a Film with Friends Event on the last day of term (**27<sup>th</sup> March; between 3 and 5.30 pm**) the children can bring their PJs, sleeping bag and teddy if they wish and we will provide a new film and refreshments, for a small charge. We will need adult helpers for this. Can you help?

### April 2015:

Fundraising is over to the children for this month.

We're running a sponsored matchbox challenge for the children to complete over the easter break. More details will come out in the next few weeks.

### May 2015:

An exciting one! We're hosting a "Boden at home" shopping extravaganza. Come and browse 6 rails of lovely Boden clothes, try them on, have a drink and nibbles and enjoy some free gifts and money off vouchers. This will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Lucy's house.

## **June 2015:**

Firefighters' charity bags - unwanted, clean clothes, shoes and bedding.

## **July 2015:**

To end the year with a bang or a splash, we will be holding fun stalls for the children during the **School Sports Day - Date to be confirmed.**

We have decided to attend the **Felton and Thirston Fair in July** with Volunteers dressed in Duck Costumes selling ducks for the Duck Race the next day, hopefully the novelty value of people we know dressing up will draw people in.

**The Duck Race** is such a timeless favourite with the villages that we shall be selling tickets and asking for sponsorship for the Boat Race, supported by the children's design efforts in making the boats.

**A take part and pay refreshment stall will be run on the day too.**

## **And finally....**

- We're looking for some help with counting and collating the Sainsburys active kids vouchers as they are collected in school. Are you able to do this?
- Also, Rachel Murphy our treasurer, was wondering if someone would have the time to look into how we can register to collect Gift Aid, which would increase the amount we raise at sponsored events and through donations. Please speak to Lucy or Rachel if you are able to help.

# I can Help By:

Circle your choice....

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Being responsible for the Sainsbury's Vouchers              | Yes |
| Research & register Gift Aid                                | Yes |
| I have a great Quiz / raffle prize / company voucher etc... | Yes |
| Film with friends Event, supervise the children             | Yes |
| Sports Day; help on stalls, bake a cake                     | Yes |
| Dress as a Duck at the fair (is this one for the dads?)     | Yes |

Name.....

Contact info.....

Any comments, ideas, suggestions.....

Thank you for your continued support.

On Behalf of the FSFA and Felton C of E First School.