



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the spring term newsletter from FROGS!

The year has started well with regards to our fundraising efforts, as detailed below, and we are well on our way to our target of £12,000. We have already purchased new books to update the current reading scheme and Year 2 has enjoyed new watches to encourage children to learn to tell the time. All the money raised from our efforts goes directly back to the school to enhance the children's learning. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will also be given funds shortly so watch this space for new resources.



What have we raised so far?

Autumn Quiz - £808.25

Christmas Fair - £3199.65

Christmas Cards - £436.67

Brush Party - £270.48

Bags 2 School - £100

Amazon Smile - £28.82

Uniform Sales - £32

Autumn Term Total = £4'948

We are currently considering the upcoming opportunities for fundraising so if there is something you would like us to host please don't be afraid to let us know - it only works if we put on events that parents want to attend. For the Summer we plan to host a family colour run after school on a Friday & would like to organise a Friday free play & BBQ to try to be more inclusive to all age groups and families within Goldfield.

Fundraising without leaving your home:

Amazon Smile – choose Friends of Goldfield School as your chosen charity via Amazon. Everything you buy donates a % to FROGS:

<https://smile.amazon.com>

Business Matching – some businesses are willing to match time or a % of the profits made on a specific event, so far we are lucky enough to have 2 parents that have donated to FROGS through this method, please do ask your company if they can match fundraising it's a simple way of raising additional funds.

Running a Race? -Please consider using FROGS as your chosen charity to raise more funds for the school!

Saying Goodbye & Thank You!

As their children move up from Goldfield to continue their educational journey elsewhere, several of our FROGs team will be leaving at the end of this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to personally recognise those who have devoted many hours to ensuring all of our events are a success. A big thank you to our leavers; our treasurer Kath Read, Esther Matthews, Claire Strachan and Helen Butchard Barnett, who stayed on as our Secretary even though her daughter Florence left Goldfield last year - that's commitment for you!! We also want to welcome the parents that are joining the FROGs team and hope you enjoy your time on the committee as much as we have.

Fund raising for the school is increasingly vital. You will all have heard a lot in the news about school budgets being slashed and it is a very real problem. The staff at Goldfield work tirelessly to ensure your children have the very best start to their education and, while they squeeze every ounce out of their budget, there are some things that just cannot be afforded. That is where FROGs come in. We have helped pay for some of the things that make us stand apart from other schools, such as the music garden, the playground and the outdoor classroom. These are just a few examples of how we as parents, through FROGs events, can support the school and ensure your child has everything they need to make their school journey both fun, educational and as fulfilling as possible.

On a final note, I would also like to take the chance to notify parents that I will be standing down as Chair of FROGs at the end of the school year. I joined FROGS in 2014 and have had the honour of seeing some fantastic fund-raising efforts; my favourite will be the music garden which has bought a smile to every child who has played in there. I wish the team good fortune for the new academic year.

As always, I would like to give a big thank you for your continued support, it does really make a difference to the children and the school environment.

Kind Regards

Samantha Davis

Chair

Dates for your diary:

Easter Egg Hunt – Friday 29th March (look out for the letters in the book bag this week deadline is March 22nd)

Summer Quiz Night – Friday 17th May (details to follow)

Summer Fair – Pirates of Goldfield – Saturday 22nd June

Colour Run – Friday 12th July (details to follow)