



# Great Dunmow Primary School Friends Association Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer issue of the Great Dunmow Primary School Friends Association Newsletter.

The current committee members are: Sarah Baker, Becky Bird, Tamsin Bone, Mel Casey (Chairperson), Nicola Freeman, Karen Harvey, Carol Latham (Secretary) Ann Linwood (Treasurer), Sally McDonald, Katie Murray, Lisa Murray, Claire Smith (Deputy Chairperson), Jane Taylor & Marissa Tomkins.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Friends Association (we welcome both Mums & Dads), please contact one of the members via the school office or come along to one of our meetings.

If you should have any comments on events please let us know as your views are important to us.

## FUNDS RAISED TO DATE.....

We are very pleased to advise that we have raised £7,163.88 since September 2010.....

## MONIES PLEDGED TO THE SCHOOL @ JULY 2011:



£2,388 to cover the final payment due on the kitchen project.

£302 for crockery to be used by the school for events where visitors come along.

£509 was donated for new musical instruments.

£525 to cover the full cost of the Children's Christmas Pantomime.

£241 for the children's Christmas gifts.

£95 to cover the cost of new Christmas production outfits for KS1.

£815 to cover the total cost of the coaches to the O2, which was enjoyed by all children in Year 4 and above.

£1240 for a new Springboard and vaulting Box used by the school gymnastics team.

£532 for the gifts that the children received to commemorate the Royal Wedding.

£384 to cover the cost of the Year 6 leaver's tiles (displayed by the main school entrance).

£3,000 towards the cost of the children's swimming lessons.

Further requests to be agreed at the AGM.

## EVENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR 2010/2011.

### BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN COFFEE MORNING



We are very pleased to advise that the coffee morning held in aid of the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Campaign raised £326.72.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE



This event was again a great success. The event was very well

supported and we are very pleased to advise that the Fayre and Christmas Raffle raised a fantastic £1,914.46.

Thanks to all the staff and parents who supported us by helping on the day, baking cakes and of course attending the event. We hope you enjoyed the day.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



We would like to thank you for all of the kind donations and to those parents who volunteered their time to help sort and wrap the donations and for all the help on the morning of the Bazaar. The event is really enjoyed by the children and was a great success raising £907.88.

### EASTER RAFFLE



The Easter raffle, which was more popular with the younger children, raised £181.00.

### INFLATABLES AFTERNOON & CREAM TEAS/CAKES



Unfortunately, due to poor weather, this event was postponed until later in the year, we are however pleased to advise that the sale of the cakes raised £39.40.

### SUMMER FETE & TRIATHLON



What a fabulous day ! Again the sun shone (eventually!) and the Summer fete and Triathlon was enjoyed by the whole family.



Alongside the triathlon, we had bouncy castles, plate smashing, coconut shy, cream teas, tombola's and the fantastic tag rugby and arena events. The children were also able to spend time in the swimming pool following the Triathlon (Thank you Mrs Maybanks).

We would also like to thank the Ambulance and Fire Service for coming along and allowing the children to experience the emergency vehicles.

With the help of school staff, parents and everyone else who helped out we raised £5,202.56 (including the sponsorship, match funding, raffle & triathlon).

Thanks to everyone who supported us by attending the event and we hope you enjoyed the day.

### EASY FUNDRAISING

This year we have received £126.88 from Easy Fundraising.

All the money raised from Easy Fundraising is via donations from shops/retailers when you shop online. Therefore, once registered you are raising money for the school without doing anything other than shopping online. They have lots of offers and competitions available via the Easy Fundraising website and recommend that you register on the site to view those that may be of interest.

The link is:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/gdpsfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/gdpsfa)

Any questions regarding Easy Fundraising should be directed to Ann Linwood.

### BAGS 2 SCHOOL



We are really pleased to advise that the last Bags 2 School collection raised £302. Making a total of £577.20 raised over 2010/2011.

The next Bags 2 School collection will be held on Sunday 6th November.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



The Nearly New Uniform Shop has raised £100.00. The shop is "open" on the first Thursday of the month. Donations of good quality items are always gratefully received and can be left at the school office for the attention of Karen Harvey. The next Nearly New uniform Sale will be on Thursday 8th September.

### DONATIONS

Included with the Summer Fayre monies we received donations from:

Jalsa Ghar Restaurant & Pride of Sylhet - £430.00 in sponsorship for the Animal Magic at the Summer Fayre.



Intercounty - £150.00 - sponsorship and advertising for the Summer Fayre

£30 from the Grandparents of Rio Holding-Dale as they were unable to come along to the Summer Fayre.

And

Barclays Bank - via match funding for the Summer Raffle - £750.



We would also like to thank the Dunmow Round Table for their help throughout the year.



### DIARY DATES / FORTHCOMING EVENTS:



For your diary:

- Inflatables Day - 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Car Boot sale - 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- Bags 2 School - 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- Christmas Fayre - 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- Children's Christmas Bazaar - 9<sup>th</sup> December.

N.B. Although we endeavour for the events listed above to take place, they are subject to date/time changes due to availability of helpers and other commitments within the school.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011  
7:00pm  
All are welcome to attend. Please do come as we need your views and input.  
Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the parents/carers and staff who help make our Friends Association what it is today. Without your support and commitment many events would not be able to take place.

The Friends Association wishes the staff, children and parents/guardians of Great Dunmow Primary School a great summer break.

