

Great Dunmow Primary School Friends Association Newsletter

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

FRIENDS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to advise that we have 2 new members on the Friends Association Committee.

The current committee members are: Sarah Baker, Mel Casey (Chairperson), Kate Flynn (Deputy Chairperson), Ann Linwood, Katie Murray, Lisa Murray, Lisa Scott, Claire Smith, Liz Owen (Secretary), Amanda Thompson & Claire Woosey (Treasurer).

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Friends Association, 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 **£3,738.11** since September.....

MONIES PLEDGED TO THE SCHOOL:



From the funds that we have raised, we have pledged the following to the school:

We have paid for the leotards for the School Gymnastic Team.

The cost of the children's Christmas gifts were met.

We covered the complete cost of the Christmas Pantomime, which was enjoyed by the whole school.

We provided the prizes for the Christmas Art Competition.

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

BAGS 2 SCHOOL



We are really pleased to advise that the last bags to school collection raised **£340.00**, which is amazing!

The next Bags 2 School collection will be held on Sunday 25th April. So please have a sort out over the Easter break and let the school profit from your old clothes. The blue bags will be distributed before the children break up for Easter.

EASY FUNDRAISING

We are pleased to advise that we currently have 11 members registered with Easy Fundraising and the total that has been raised for the school since it's launch

stands at **£8.28**. Although this amount sounds quite small all the money raised from this is from 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 available via the Easy Fundraising website and recommend that you register on the site to view the current offers. The link is: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/gdpsfa

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



The Nearly New Uniform 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 Amanda Thompson. The next Nearly New Uniform Sale will be on Thursday 4th March.

LADIES PAMPER EVENING



The ladies pamper evening was held on Friday 20th November. The event was kept quite small but we are very pleased to advise that we raised **£267.72**. We had around 10 specialists on hand to deal with your pampering needs with the Indian Head Massage and Tarot Card Reader being the most popular. Another Pamper Evening is planned for the coming months so look out for flyers coming soon. Spaces will again be limited so don't delay with ticket purchases.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



This event was again a great success. We hope that you all felt it worked out better to have the Fayre straight after school on the Friday. We felt that the event was very well supported and we are very pleased to advise that the Fayre and Christmas Raffle raised a fantastic £2118.99. The Grotto was again fantastic, and we would like to thank Natalie Beaumont for her creative skills. We also hope that you felt it worked better to "open" the Grotto prior to and after the event, which meant very little queuing on the day of the Fayre.

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 £1,011.40.

For the 2010 Bazaar we will need further supplies of cellophane bags, packaging, ribbons and bubble wrap. If anyone is able to help us with the supply of these items please contact a member of the Committee.

DIARY DATES / FORTHCOMING EVENTS:



For your diary:

Children's Disco - 12th March
Easter Sponsored Fun Run - 1st April
Bags2School - 25th April
Ladies Pamper Evening - End of May
Family Fun Day - 3rd July
Summer BBQ - 16th July
Christmas Fayre - 3rd December
Children's Christmas Bazaar - 10th December.

A list of all forthcoming events can be viewed on the school website:
www.greatdunmowprimary.co.uk.

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.

The Friends Association is always in need of new members and ideas, if you are interested in joining please contact a member of the Friends Association. Contact details are shown on page 1, plus you will now find a picture of us all in the school reception next to the office! Alternatively please leave your details at the school office and someone from the Committee will contact you with the details of our next meeting.

