

Dear Parents,

We wanted to share with you that we have raised over **£6,700** during 2015. This comes from events like the Christmas Fair, the May Fun Day, Easyfundraising, Bag2School collections the School discos, cake sales.....so a massive "Thank you" to those who have helped with any events, made contributions and spent your money to achieve this!!!



A message from Allison:

Thanks to you and your contributions to CSA events over the last year, the children have enjoyed lots of stimulating activities and new resources.

Firstly, they have all enjoyed an enrichment lesson every week. These take place on Wednesdays and run for half a term at a time. This year-round scheme is designed to support our belief that every child should find something that they love and that they're good at when they're at primary school. Since January 2015, these curriculum enrichment sessions have included specialist sports coaching, a Winter Art project, Forest School, mini fencing, gardening and outdoor art and Lego problem-solving.

The other major contribution made this year has been towards the refurbishment of the library. Hopefully you have noticed its lovely fresh layout and colourful furniture as you've walked through. It is now a much more important space in school, both for literacy inspiration and pastoral care. The children love using it and no job in school is more sought-after than to be one of Mrs Walters' librarians!

Other CSA contributions have provided coach transport for our whole-school trip to the Nuffield Theatre at Christmas, daily milk for Class 1 children plus a class set of reading books.

I hope you can see just what a great range of experiences your children are able to have because of the CSA. The funds raised support the close relationships across all ages that are central to our ethos as a small church school. As well as this, though, the funds help to provide experiences that give your children the best chance to grow up as well-rounded individuals and achieve academic success.

Some things coming up for the Spring and Summer terms to look out for...

- School Disco 10th March
- Bag2School collection in May

➤ CSA AGM (only 10 minutes long after Celebration assembly coming up in the next few weeks – we promise not to ask for anything at the meeting but really appreciate getting other parents involved so we aren't talking to ourselves :o).

And now a plea and some feedback we'd like from you....

The CSA group is down to 4 parents which is not enough to cover all the activities we had planned for the year and we have to scale back; which means less fundraising to benefit the school and our children. We would love to get a few more members and also extend to having a wider group who are happy to help now and then. We'd also like to get your feedback on other ways we can communicate with you to make it easier for us to share what is going on and get helpers for individual events....

Please can you complete the short questionnaire on the next page, cut-off and return to the school office by next **Friday 10th March**.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Our CSA Team

Michelle (Chair)... Mum to Maia in Ladybirds and Emily in preschool
Miranda (Treasurer) Mum to Lawrence in Hedgehogs, Anthony in Falcons and Kieron at Kings'

Lucy – Mum to Chloe in Hedgehogs and Sara in Ladybirds
Tracey – Mum to Emily and Lauren in Foxes class.

Please tick accordingly:

I would like to join the CSA group (see over for more details)

I would be happy to become part of a wider group for helping out with occasional events and would prefer to be involved in:

Major events (e.g. Christmas Fair/ Summer Fun day)

School Discos

Preparing and serving teas/coffees at school events

Other ad hoc events (e.g. cake sales, ice-cream sales)

We would be interested in making a financial donation

We regularly use the school website and would find it a useful way to get updates on and offer help for events

We use Facebook and would find it a useful way to get updates on and offer help for events

Other feedback or suggestions, including any events your family particularly enjoy:

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Name and Class (optional if you want to just provide anonymous comments):

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More about the CSA.....

Purpose (per the Charity Commission web site):

Advance the education of the pupils at the school by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the local education authority).

We achieve the above through various fundraising activities which also foster a sense of well-being & community spirit at the school. All parents/guardians/ carers of pupils plus all staff (teaching & non-teaching) are automatically members of the CSA.

Time commitments / Meetings:

We meet approximately once every couple of months, at a time convenient to everyone. The meetings usually last around 2 hours. There may be other occasional ad hoc meetings in the run up to a major event (like the Christmas Fair).

CSA members have a variety of other commitments; some work, some have other family commitments, so attending every meeting is not mandatory and we share notes and discussion at other times via email. Everyone is very aware that we're all trying our best to juggle our busy lives.

Not all group members are expected to participate in every event and even for the major events, people volunteer for the activities that best suit them.

The larger a team we have, the more the load can be spread and minimised for everyone.

Feel free to approach one of the current group members for a chat to discuss a bit more, with no obligation at all 😊

Please return by Friday 10th March.