

FRIENDS Newsletter



December 2014

Well done every body! We are told this year's Christmas Bazaar raised a record amount. We've just about managed to count up all the costs and with the addition of the film club snacks sale, where we were using up left over stock from the bazaar, we have cleared around £3700 profit. We had, in total, 70 people (including teachers and their partner's!) volunteer their help for the bazaar and countless others who helped out before and after with preparations, set up and clear down and of course all you happy shoppers who parted with your hard earned cash! A huge thank you to all of you, we couldn't have done it with out you, it certainly was a whole school effort.

It has been great to see the continued enthusiasm from our regular helpers, it certainly helped this rookie committee get through our first big event. Any stress we may have been feeling soon started to subside when we saw how well people knew their jobs. Also, what's very encouraging is the number of new faces who have been willing to get involved. I hope you all enjoyed the experience and will be with us again next year!

Santa's Grotto was under new management this year and we think you'll agree they did a great job. Farther

Christmas joined us again and we expect has gone home with a very long list of presents! We think he found his lost reindeer so the sledge should be back up to full speed Christmas eve!



We hope you all got to try the turkey baps or enjoyed some mulled wine, tea or coffee and a mince pie! (I know I did and they did not disappoint!). Thank you to all our kitchen team you did a brilliant job.

Congratulations to all our Raffle prize winners and thank you to all those who donated prizes and bought tickets. The Raffle did really well this year and was a key contributor to the total raised, well done Raffle team!

Above all, whether you volunteered or came to shop, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. If you have any comments or suggestions

on how we could improve things please feel free to let us know. Your feedback is always welcome.



Fund Matching

The amount we raise at the Christmas Bazaar is amazing, for such a small school we should be very proud of what we achieve. Just think though how much bigger this figure could be and what it could provide our kids with, if we had some fund matching in place.

Many employers run a Fund Matching Scheme for good causes. The Friends is a registered charity. It is worth asking yours or your partner's employer as many larger companies run schemes like this but often don't advertise it!

Just ask! You never know!



2015!

It's certainly been a busy three months since since the AGM and we havent yet had a chance to think about what events we might like to stage in the new year. Our very popular Quiz night will be on Saturday 25th of April, we are planning to once again have a stall at Standon Mayday and of course the summer fete will be in July.

Some ideas that have been mentioned (not all our ideas!)

- Kids Treasure Hunt
- Orienteering
- Nature walk (if we can twist Jono's arm!)
- Summer Camp out
- Little Hadham Fun Run
- Second hand uniform sale
- Book sale
- Murder Mystery night
- Races Night
- 70's disco (fancy dress!)
- Sing-a-long movie night
- Five a side football



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100 CLUB

Congratulations!
December's Grand Draw
100 Club winner is:

Natalie Pierrejean

Thank you to all those who have signed up recently. At current membership numbers next year's Christmas's Grand Draw will be worth £137!

Sign up forms available at the school Office

Our next meeting will be in January (date to be confirmed), as always you are all welcome to join us and your feed back and ideas on what direction we should take would be greatly appreciated.

Until then, thanks again for all the support we have had this year.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!



If you would like to contribute a piece to be included in the newsletter or have any questions please email Howard - howardroden@yahoo.co.uk

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