



Friends of Davenham School
FODS

Newsletter - February 2011

So far this year, you have helped us raise around £3500! This sets us well on our way for raising enough money to update the equipment in the ICT suite. A new server and 12 computers are needed, at a cost of around £6000. Of course, we also need to raise money for the travel subsidy, pantomime, termly class contributions, Year 6 leaving gifts and so on.

Raising money for all the 'extras' really does make a big difference to our children's school lives. Mr Hilditch has reported that the 'Scenic Circuit' has been invaluable during the wintry weather, allowing the children to continue using the field.

Bag2School Clothing Collection

Thanks to clearing out your wardrobes we raised £260 - fantastic! There will be another one in July, so keep saving your unwanted/outgrown clothes and also other items, such as curtains, sheets, belts and shoes.

Monthly Cake Sale

Mrs Hyslop's class raised £144 and Mrs Moffat's class raised £130.42. Mrs Jones' class sale was taking place as we went to press - will she take the lead again??

To help you plan your shopping and baking schedules, the other classes will have their Cake Sales on:

4 March - Mr Strefford

1 April - Mrs Braham

27 May - Miss Wildman

1 July - Mrs Dinsdale

21 July - Mrs Evans

Family Beetle Drive

Fast and furious - and very noisy - fun! A great night that raised £135.10 - brilliant!

Vouchers

We encourage parents and children to collect vouchers from all the supermarkets and send them into school. In the Autumn term we cashed in 2522 Morrisons vouchers and just look what that got us for Mrs Plumley & Mrs Pawson's Gardening Club: 11 bags of compost, fruit and veg food, a window propagator, plant pots & saucers, 10 lots of different seeds and potato tubers, a cold frame greenhouse, 6 watering cans And, as a result of collecting over 2000 vouchers, we get a free apple tree!! A fantastic effort by all concerned - well done!

Nestle Cereal Box Top Vouchers

So far we have 643 tokens and really need some more - we collected 815 last year. Tokens have to be sent on 25 March, so please hand them into school by then (even if you have cereal left in the packet!!) The tokens become books and there is a large selection of books on offer, ranging from between 10 and 50 tokens each. So currently we can get between 12 and 64 books. There is no limit, so please keep collecting - and ask your friends, family and work colleagues too!

Christmas Craft Fair

You came and shopped and visited Santa and raised an astounding £2217.19 - yuletastic!

Mince Pie Afternoons

These were very well attended once again and the entertainment was of a high standard. Refreshments and raffles raised around £400 - fabulous!

Quiz Night

An adult only event, as drinking alcohol seems to help some teams come up with the right answers! This was taking place as we went to press and thanks go to Mr Strefford for organising the technology and setting the questions.

Paper Quiz

Another fun way to keep those brain cells busy! The paper quiz costs just £1 and is available from the school Office or FODS members. Closing date is 19 April and the winner will get a £20 M&S voucher.

Forthcoming Events - here are some of the events we have lined up for you: put the dates in your diary now!

Family Bingo - Friday 25 March

Hot Cross Bun Afternoons - Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 April
(these are similar to the Mince Pie afternoons but also involve the legendary Easter Bonnet Parade. So, get creative and 'help' your child create a stunning piece of headgear to wear with pride!)

Car Wash - a new event on Saturday 7 May

Camping - another new event we're planning for Saturday 11 June. Further details to follow.

Family Fun Day - Saturday 25 June

Blue Bag Clothing Collection - Friday July 8

Children's Disco (in the Ball marquee) - Friday July 8

Summer Ball - Saturday July 9

Tickets are on sale now for the Masked Ball at the bargain (4th year running) price of £45 each, to be paid in full by April 1st (£47.50 after that). Information forms were sent out in the book bags and further forms can be found in the school foyer.

Corporate Charity Funding

A reminder that a lot of large businesses operate 'matched funding' for any fundraising their employees do for charities. Please check if your employer offers this, as it can really boost our funds. FODS is a registered charity and we can help with any forms your employer may ask to be completed.

FODS meetings

Our next meeting: The Bull's Head at 8pm on Monday 14 March.

FODS Website

Please check our website for regular updates on all events: **www.fods.org**. If you have any ideas for the website, would like photos uploaded or would like to give feedback on any of our events, please let us know - just speak to one of us, drop a note in the FODS postbox, come to a meeting, or send us an email: **info@fods.org**