

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for your contributions and overwhelming response to our Harvest collection for The Food Pantry at Liverpool Road

Methodist Church on Monday. If you are in need of help and support remember to ask or drop in to the Family Wellbeing Centre where we can arrange a visit to the Pantry.

We all need help at some time in our lives.



Brighten up our day on World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October.

On this day we are asking children to wear a splash of yellow with their uniforms. Wearing yellow glasses, a yellow bow tie, yellow ribbons, yellow pumps, yellow socks, yellow t-shirt so that we can raise the awareness and the importance of good mental health. During the day children will be taking part in Buddy time and our homework this week will be the 'Britain Get Talking' activity in conjunction with ITV and 'YOUNGMINDS'. collaborating to help children all over the UK open up.



Rededication of the War Memorial

We were extremely proud to be invited to attend the rededication of the war memorial on Friday 29th

September in Southport Town Centre. We chose 12 Year 2 children to attend the event who managed to walk 4km and stand impeccably throughout the half an hour Drumhead service at the monument. Children from all 28 Southport schools attended to represent the children who attended the original service 100 years ago in 1923.



We were also extremely proud of one of our Year 1 children who won the opportunity to meet HRH Princess Ann at the Atkinson Art Gallery for his pictorial representation of Remembrance.

In Partnership with

TRY FOR FREE

SOUTHPORT HC JUNIOR HOCKEY SESSIONS

FUN & ENGAGING HOCKEY ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS 5-15 YEARS OLD

TUESDAY SESSION
6:00-7:00PM

SUNDAY SESSION
10- 11:30AM

Activities

- ✓ Fun Drills
- ✓ Fun Skills Circuits
- ✓ Fun Games
- ✓ Fun Challenges
- ✓ Regular Matches
- ✓ Regular Tournaments
- ✓ Fun, Fun & More Fun...

Sessions take place at:
Greenbank High School
Hastings Rd. Southport, PR8 2LT

Find out more about
Childrens University
www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

Starts from...
£16
Per Month
That's less than £2 per session

All sessions run during school term time.

For more information contact us:
southporthockeyclub@hotmail.com



Farnborough Road Infant School Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

Thank you to everyone who attended to our PTA AGM on Friday. Thank you to our outgoing committee for all their hard work and fund raising during 2022-23.

Please read the attached Chairs and Finance report.

The total funds donated at the end of last year was a staggering £10,000.

The goal was to raise enough funds to redesign the internal garden to use as an outside Forest Schools classroom.

Watch this space for more information to follow.

Plans have been made for upcoming events which include:

THURSDAY 19th October Discos, Breakfast With Father Christmas & a Christmas Fair

We need you to support our PTA Team.

Help us to provided for our next generation of FRIS children.



Are you a regular user of the Family Wellbeing Centre?

Would you like the opportunity to shape our service in the community?

We need volunteers to sit on our Family Wellbeing Governors Committee.

Our committee meets 3 times a year at either Farnborough Infants or at Kings Meadow Primary at 9.30am for an hour.

Parents who sit on our committee are able to give their points of view and ideas to help our community and shape the provision on offer.

Please drop into the FWBC office or email me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful service to our Ainsdale and Birkdale communities.

First Steps

Family Wellbeing Centre

Important

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders



Please ensure children are dropped off and picked up by an adult. It is our school policy that children will not be

released from school with anybody not on their contacts list or under the age of 16.

Please inform your child's class teacher of any changes to pick up arrangements in the morning. If during the day arrangements change, please try to inform the office by lunchtime to ensure that the message is passed to classrooms. Class Dojo messages WILL NOT be picked up during the school day by class teachers.

Please ensure all contacts and contact details are updated

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Working in Partnership with Parents

Thank you to all our parents in Year 1 and Year 2 parents who attended our Stay and Learn sessions. Your attendance is invaluable to our children, to us as teachers and you as parents to understand how we teach and how your child is learning.

Our first Parents Evening has also taken place this week for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents, a chance to find out how your child has settled in and the expectations for the year ahead.

Thank you for all your support and feedback. Remember class teachers are always available to talk to you about your child's progress throughout the year.

Our Google Meets parents meeting was due to an overwhelming response to our parent/carer survey "What a great system, I did not need to organise a whole evening of childcare for a 5 minute appointment".

"It was great that myself and my wife could join the meeting as I work shifts. I could just log in at work and take a 5 minute break"

"Thank you for offering google meets, the appointments ran to time and did not impact on my family time and evening routine"

The survey feedback also expressed how the spring term parents/carers 10 minute appointments, would be better as 'face to face' meetings. This allows parents/carers to view books/displays/learning journeys and have a detailed update on their child's progress.

We look forward to seeing our Reception parents in school next week for Stay and Learn sessions.



Infant School Photograph Day Wednesday 11th October

Individual School Photographs will be taken for all children on Wednesday.

If your child does not attend on Caterpillars/ Nursery on a Wednesday and would like an individual photo please arrive at the INFANT OFFICE at 8.30am. Class and sibling photos will be taken later in the school year.

Lunchtime Supervisor

Would you like to work at FRIS?

Welfare assistants required 6.25 hours per week. We currently have a vacancy for a permanent lunchtime supervisor and for supply cover for absent staff. If you are interested application forms are available from the Infant School Office. Full DBS clearance is required for this role.

FRIS PTA
Halloween
DISCO

Thursday 19th
October 2023

£2 a ticket, on parent pay.

£2 ticket includes Entry, drink, crisps & Sweets

RECEPTION: 2:25 – 3:05 PM. Children to wear their own clothes to school

YEAR 1: 3:15 – 3:55 PM. Children to bring own clothes to school in named bag

YEAR 2: 4:05 – 4:45 PM. Children in after school club, to bring own clothes in named bag

Any children in after school club will be taken to and from the discos.

Thank you for your support!

Please note, we cannot take any payment at the door due to advanced planning of these events.
Payments are only to be made on ParentPay

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FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES - 2024/2025
 (including INSET days)

2024		
AUTUMN TERM		
INSET	Tuesday 3rd September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Wednesday 4th September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
Half Term 1	Start of Term: Thursday 5th September at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 25th October at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November [one week]	
Half Term 2	Return to school Monday 4th November at 08.45am School Finishes for end of term on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm	

2025		
SPRING TERM		
Half Term 3	Start of Term: Monday 6th January at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 14th February at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February [one week]	
Half Term 4	Return to school Monday 24th February at 08.45am School finishes for end of term Thursday 4th April at 2.00pm	

2025		
SUMMER TERM		
Good Friday	Friday 18th April	School Closed for all
Easter Monday	Monday 21st April	School Closed for all
Half Term 5	Start of Term: Tuesday 22nd April at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Wednesday 21st May at 3.15pm	
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May	School Closed for all
INSET	Thursday 22nd May	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Friday 23rd May	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
INSET	Monday 2nd June	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
Half Term	Thursday 22nd May to Tuesday 3rd June [one week and 3 days]	
Half Term 6	Return to school Tuesday 3rd June at 08.45am School finishes for end of term on Tuesday 22nd July at 2.00pm	



Farnborough Road Infant School

Parent Teacher Association Chair Report

6 October 2023

Co-Chairs: Alice Keighley & Emma McCoy

Academic Year: 2022-2023

We have had a very successful year in our first year as co-chairs for the PTA. We have been able to put on all events thanks to our PTA members. We have faced an unprecedented number of members who work and are willing to organise their time around facilitating the events for the children. This year we were able to increase the number of places provided to pupil premium children to the full number of children within the infants' school of approximately 40 children from 15 places offered in previous years. This means that ALL pupil premium children were offered a place at PTA events including all the gift shops as well. Despite significant increases in costs, we were able to keep event prices the same as previous years to assist parents and carers during the cost-of-living crisis. As well as finding our feet as new co-chairs, we wished to keep events consistent for the children to ensure that these can be kept fair and sustainable whilst also trying to change events slightly for the better. You may have noticed a change in gifts and fair prizes as we attempted to vary what the children received. This year we increased our research into suppliers and shops we can utilise to keep expenditure to a minimum and this included signing up to Bookers Wholesalers, so the PTA have access to a local wholesaler in an attempt to keep expenditure to a minimum.

2022 to 2023 Events

1. Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco was our first PTA event and was a great success.

2. Xmas4Schools

Xmas4schools was very popular and successful yet again this year. We were able to turnaround the children's artwork quickly with the assistance of the school. The aim for this year is to have this distributed before October half term so parents have additional notice to decide and return to school.

3. Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was another success this year. Our elves and amazing Santa helped deliver another memorable 3 sessions to the children.

This year we unfortunately were not aware that gifts were purchased for all children in the school but this will be reimplemented this year.

4. Christmas Gift Shop

We attempted to add some further variety to gifts and introduced the very popular wax melt burner and hot chocolate mugs. These were a great success and we will be looking to include similar items this year.

5. Christmas Fair

This was our first fair to organize as chairs and the prizes were sweets. Feedback was taken on board in relation to fair prizes as the only prizes at the Christmas fair were sweets and prizes were varied for the Easter fair following this feedback.

6. Christmas Fair in a Box

Christmas fair in a box was provided for all nursery classes. We believe nursery classes enjoy the fair in the box as they are able to spread the fair activities throughout their week.

7. Christmas Party

We delivered party games and party food to the nursery classes to host their annual Christmas parties with a visit from our special Santa.

8. Selection Boxes

Selection boxes were purchased for every child in the school and distributed towards the end of term as a Christmas present from the PTA.

9. Valentines Disco

Another great success was our Valentines disco for the children.

10. Smarties Challenge

This was the second year we have done the smarties challenge throughout February half term and proved to be another fantastic fund raiser for minimal expenditure. We noticed again this year packets of full smarties being returned uneaten so this year we will aim to deliver the message that smarties can be eaten by all.

11. Easter Fair

We were able to successfully rearrange the Easter Fair and short notice due to the notification of an Ofsted visit. This was only doable due to our fantastic volunteers rearranging annual leave and their own schedules to accommodate this.

We took on the feedback from the Christmas fair and varied the prizes available to include stationary, colouring books and other non-food items.

12. Mother's Day Shop

For the Mother's Day Shop this year we did the pamper bags. We chose to differ from the usual Mother's Day plants due to the school strikes and this impacting on when we would be able to distribute the plants. The pamper bags proved very successful and included a bath bomb and face/eye mask.

13. Summer Disco

Another successful disco with the children and DJ Kev.

14. Father's Day Shop

Father's Day Shop this year we decided to purchase a variety of chocolate bars for the Children to select their own chocolate bar and then a variety of labels for them to colour in and place over the chocolate bar. We thought this was very successful and the children loved being able to pick their own chocolate bar and wrapper to colour. We really struggle with trying to find alternative presents for the men but this setup was a hit so we will look to do this again this year.

15. Lego Challenge

This was a new event introduced this year that was introduced not to raise funds for the PTA but for a bit of fun for the children with the opportunity to win a cinema voucher for their Lego creations.

This was popular with many entries and something we will look to do again this year as the prizes were a minimal cost to the PTA and we wished to give back to the children/parents without also having to ask for money.

16. World Book Day

We were able to re-introduce the World Book Day event for year 2's due to the limited number of seats available to make this as fair as possible for all those to have the opportunity to attend. This event, out of all our events, is the least profitable but it was good to be able to reintroduce an event that hadn't been held since before Covid. We noticed that the children became restless during the film viewing so we will be considering what alternative options can be introduced to keep this event but also keep the children engaged.

17. Year 2 Leavers Party

This year we introduced a new DJ and 600 degrees to make pizza in front of the children in an attempt to differentiate from the usual school discos. The Children loved collecting their own pizza boxes and 600 degrees had an audience from the hall window throughout their preparations. The children then ate their pizza under cover on the green along with squash and a cupcake each. The new DJ, Kids DJ was a huge success and feedback from the teachers and children was really positive. A variety of songs and at one point the hall resembled a mini festival with all the children at the front jumping up and down like they were watching their favourite DJ. We will adopt the same format this year with Kids DJ and 600 degrees providing the pizzas but hopefully the weather will be nicer this year so the children can sit outside and enjoy their pizzas.

18. Summer Fair

The summer fair this year was organised by Jen Pomfret, Chair of the Juniors PTA. Again, this proved successful and was able to be successfully rearranged due to the poor weather. The summer fair always proves a success when shared jointly.

19. Ice Lolly Day

We delivered ice lollies for the children on one of the summer days towards the end of the school year. This year we made the lolly delivery a bit more special with the lolly costumes kindly made by Becci which the children loved.

20. Break The Rules Day

We also introduced the very popular Break The Rules Day which the children loved and proved a very successful fund raising opportunity for the PTA. Each year we will take suggestions from the Year 2 children for what rules they would like to see broken and allow Miss Sephton to select which 10 are to be broken.

Conclusions

We have had another amazing year with our PTA profits nearly reaching £10,000. We have introduced new events for the Children to enjoy as well as reintroducing events that had not made a return since covid. As we have an unprecedented amount of working members, we have tried to enforce no late payment for events that require planning and purchasing. We will continue to do this for this year's events also as we do not have the resources for the additional late notice numbers. We did notice a downturn in payments for school fairs, especially the easter fair so we are considering introducing an alternative event to the easter fair this coming school year. Despite the financial challenges faced this year, we are able to confirm **we will be donating £10,000 to the school to fully fund the refurbishment of the school garden** for all children to enjoy. We are ecstatic to have been able to raise such a significant amount to be donated to the school to help our school be the best there is for our children. We have another bumper packed year and as a PTA, we are one of the few in the area who provide so many fun events for the children. This is all down to our amazing volunteers who often use annual leave from work to help run these events as well as the support from Parents who contribute financial support which enables profit to be re-invested back into the school. We are the only PTA in the area who provide such a large number of events for children throughout the year including giving back to the children (and parents) with gifts and events such as the Year 2 Leavers Disco that require no payment. We will be discussing a fundraising target for this year with Miss Sephton as the year progresses.



TREASURER'S REPORT

FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT SCHOOL PTA



Opening Balance: £3515

Closing Balance: £13549

DONATIONS TO BE MADE TO SCHOOL: £10,000

FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL GARDEN, INCLUDING GARDENING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

£3549 to be carried over to the next financial year

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	PROFIT
TOTALS	£6,164	£16,194	£10,030
2022-2023 EVENTS			
EASYFUNDRAISING	£0	£19	£19
HALLOWEEN DISCO	£206	£609	£403
XMAS FOR SCHOOLS	£0	£576	£576
BWS	£659	£1,356	£697
SELECTION BOXES	£351	£0	-£351
XMAS FAIR	£182	£1,031	£849
XMAS SHOP	£872	£1,954	£1,082
NURSERY XMAS PARTY	£0	£299	£299
XMAS FAIR IN A BOX	£0	£54	£54
VALENTINES DISCO	£226	£585	£359
WORLD BOOK DAY	£238	£508	£271
SMARTIES CHALLENGE	£137	£1,027	£890
MOTHERS DAY	£731	£1,110	£380
EASTER FAIR	£326	£1,234	£908
LEGO CHALLENGE	£40	£0	-£40
SUMMER DISCO	£185	£553	£368
SUMMER FAIR	£0	£2,630	£2,630
FATHERS DAY SHOP	£333	£879	£546
YEAR 2 LEAVERS INC BOOKS £627	£877	£0	-£877
BREAK THE RULES	£0	£847	£847
ICE LOLLY DAY	£63	£323	£260
MISC VARIOUS	£739**	£600	-£139

**includes £599 paid out for the previous year's leavers books

Top 3 Profit Events (excl Summer Fair): 1. Christmas Gift Shop, 2. Easter Fair, 3. Smarties Challenge

Top 3 Income Events (excl Summer Fair): 1. Christmas Gift Shop, 2 Breakfast With Santa, 3. Easter Fair

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2022-2023 has been a successful year of fundraising, especially taking into account the entirely new committee, 4 months setting up a new bank account (which resulted in us being awarded £600 compensation for NatWest's problems) and the cost of living crisis. The decision not to increase prices to parents was taken by the committee to ensure as many children as possible were able to take part in the events held, and has not significantly impacted our fundraising figures negatively. We are also delighted to have offered free places to all pupil premium children this year.

Fairs and gift shops have been the most successful events in both overall income and profit – the Summer Fair has been excluded from the Top 3 figures only because the event is organised by the Junior PTFA and the profits shared with the Infants equally. I would like to mention here that the Infant school raised £1097 in Raffle Ticket sales compared to just over £1200 in the Juniors. While most events have been run with the intention of raising funds, we have also used these funds to host two free events (Year 2 Leavers Disco, Lego Challenge) and supplied every child with a free Selection Box at Christmas. The Smarties from the Smarties challenge were also donated to every child for free, regardless of money raised in return.

We also hosted two 'zero expense' fundraisers: Xmas For Schools and the new addition for this year, Break The Rules Day (special mention to Carla for this brilliant idea that almost made it into the Top 3 profit events for the year)!

While some events have been more successful in terms of fundraising, others have been less about the profit and more about the children's enjoyment and participation, but overall on behalf of the entire committee I would like to thank everyone who has participated in any way to the final figure of £10,030. This figure includes the payment of the 2021-2022 Year 2 Leavers Books (£599) which wasn't made until after the previous year end, and subsequently rolled over into this financial year.

We are beyond thrilled to donate £10,000 to the school for the refurbishment of the school garden, and with the help of our new (and existing) parents we look forward to another successful year of fundraising.