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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

With the Autumn Term well on the way and the leaves already turning brown we are very excited to be able to announce our fabulous programme for the coming year. As well as our big Summer and Christmas Fairs there will be a wide range of events from discos, to quizzes to camping sleepovers. All designed not only to raise much needed funds for the school, but to make sure that everybody can have lots of fun and really feel part of the Chase Bridge community.

To ensure you can come along and support please do put the dates in your diary now.

Of course, none of this can happen without your help, so please do fill in and return our volunteer form which can be found [here](#). We look forward to working with lots of you this year.

Updates, notices and...

Sibling Photos - Friday, 25th October

Sibling photographs will be available after school from 15.30-17.30hrs. Please make your way to the May Hall where we will be operating on a first come, first serve basis. Siblings who are currently not attending Chase Bridge School can also be in the photograph.

Are you handy in the kitchen?

We are looking to create a catering committee who can help with food at our various events. The committee will be made up of people who are happy to help with things like preparation of ingredients, cooking, barbequing and serving. The plan is to have enough people to create a rota to ensure that the same people are not helping on every event. The first event we need help for will be the **Christmas Fair on the 6th December**. If you would like to volunteer to join this committee please email us at chasebridgepta@gmail.com.

Disco Time!

On the **7th November** there will be a disco for children in years 1 to 6. Fancy dress for years 1-4 with years 5-6 dressing to impress!

Years 1 to 2 - 5pm to 5.45pm * Years 3 to 4 - 6pm to 6.45pm
* Years 5 to 6 - 7pm to 7.45pm

Tickets, only available in advance, will be sold on a first come first served basis and are £3 per child. Spaces are limited due to the capacity in Chase Hall so do book early. You can do this either by completing and returning this [form](#) or alternatively come and see us at our ticket stall at the front of the school.

Ho! Ho! Ho!



Christmas Fair and Raffle

With Christmas around the corner, keep an eye out in book bags for our Christmas raffle tickets. If you would like to offer raffle prizes or know of a company or individual who will, please email us at chasebridgepta@gmail.com

Our festive fair will take place from 17.30-19.30hrs on **Friday 6th December**. With stalls galore, fairground rides, hot food, mulled wine, mince pies, and of course Santa himself - what's not to like. Music and entertainment to be provided by the Kneller Hall Band, DJ Richard, Years 1-6 choirs as well as the Chase Bridge Community Choir.

Northbrook Fundraiser

Purchase quality Christmas gift wrap and accessories from Northbrook and your order will earn a fabulous 20% commission for FoCB. Place your order online using this special Chase Bridge [link](#).

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly...

The Chase Bridge Christmas Carol Concert will take place in Chase Hall on the **18th December at 6pm**. Enjoy festive drinks and treats whilst being entertained by the Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 choirs as well as the Chase Bridge Community Choir. We look forward to seeing you there so that we can wish you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

News in Brief

AGM

On the 20th September there was an excellent turn out for our AGM. Mrs Fleming and Mr King gave a brief presentation about the results of the recent parent consultation as well as an update on the surprise visit by OFSTED. The new committee was then voted in and a big thank you to everybody who put themselves forward.

New Chair, Jo Humphreys, then gave a presentation about the Friends of Chase Bridge plans for the next year and explained how a new system of year group led events was hopefully going to enable more people to become involved in helping raise money for the school.

Finally, Class Rep Coordinator Carmelle Jaitly, spoke about the role of class reps and how she was going to be able to support them. The committee that was voted in was: Chair – Jo Humphreys: Treasurer – Ali Hodder-Williams: Class Reps Co-ordinator – Carmelle Jaitly: Events Management – Natalie Brown, Hermione Iaccarino and Kelly Batten: Marketing & Communication – Mrs Kan (staff member).

Where Does The Money Go?

Parents are often asking how does the school spend the money we raise. Well, last year we raised an amazing **£14,740.24**.

Thank you to everybody who helped organise and run our events, but also thank you to all of you for turning up and spending your hard earned cash. We also need to thank Golden Grill, Tribes, Pano, Your Move, Milestone and Security Service Jagforce whose sponsorship helped our events raise even more. This is how the money was spent:

- * **Music £500** - Casio electronic piano – As music lessons happen in a number of areas in the school, having a portable electronic piano will enhance instrumental lessons, be used to teach piano, accompany other instruments and can be used for outside performances.
- * **Playground equipment £400** - Resources to ensure a variety of games at playtime including giant tumble tower game, limbo game, outdoor chalkboard, giant wooden dominoes, ten pin bowling set, large dice.
- * **3 year School Food Matters membership £650** - Membership to this campaign helps us deliver food education and food growing programmes into school. Our 'Schools to Market' project is organised through School Food Matters, we receive a year round delivery of vegetable plug plants and they also provide a gardening workshop with an experienced school gardener.
- * **Year 3 books £291.15** - Purchased The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirely Hughes to be used in the classroom.
- * **EYFS £69.90** - Butterfly raising kits from Insect Lore to support children's understanding of animal lifecycles.
- * **Outdoor £10,000** - part funding of the Edible Playground.
- * **Lion expansion £2,829.19**

Other activities from last year:

- * We supported the Welcome BBQ and Years 6 Leavers event.
- * We bought new events equipment such as gazebos and weights.

Nursery and Reception Welcome Event



On a rainy cold evening at the end of September, parents and children from our Early Years packed Chase Hall for the annual welcome disco. Everybody soon warmed up with lots of energetic dancing and the excited youngsters being encouraged by DJ

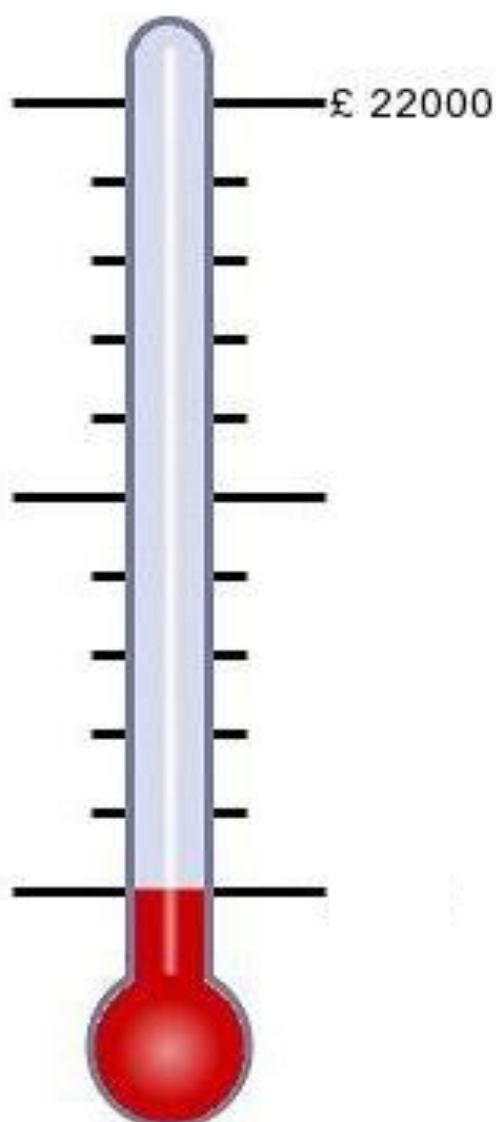
Richard to drag their mums and dads onto the dance floor to throw a few shapes! Thank you to everybody who filled in their volunteer forms and we will be in touch shortly.

Cake Sales

Year 1 and Year 2 have already held their cake sales and have set the bar high. Year 1 raised £234.00 and were narrowly beaten by Year 2 who took just £1 more by bringing in £235.00.



Fundraising Goals for 2019/2020



Our fundraising forecast for this year is set at **£22,000**. So far, we have raised **£520** which along with funds rolled over from 2018/2019 will be used to support the following:

- * **Individual class budgets including Lions, nursery and pm £1,200** - discretionary spending by the year groups on class items which are not covered by the school budget.
- * **An AED (defib) for the school and local community £1,247** - this includes training and additional accessories.
- * **IT equipment £14,398** - this will be part of a rolling programme to replace pupil laptops and other ICT resources. This year we aim to fund the first set of replacement laptops and to purchase iPads which will be used in ICT lessons.
- * **Library redevelopment £5,000** - the school has exciting plans to redevelop and expand the children's library. Information about this project will be announced in due course.

There may be other funding requests which will be under discussion and we will keep you updated should anything change. So, let's roll our sleeves up and raise as much money as we can in order that these ambitious projects can be realised.

Calendar of Events - save the dates!

Friday 25th October

Sibling photos, May Hall, 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday 7th November

Disco (Y1 & 2 5pm to 5.45pm, Y3 & 4 6pm to 6.45pm & Y5 & 6 7pm to 7.45pm)

Friday 6th December

Christmas Fair, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Carol Concert, Chase Hall, 6pm

Friday 17th January

Family Movie Night

Friday 7th February

Year 4 cake sale

Quiz Night

Friday 6th March

Year 3 cake sale

Friday 27th March

Year 6 cake sale

Sunday 29th March

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 1st May

Nursery and reception cake sale

Thursday 21st May

Minute to Win It for year 5 & 6

Friday 12th June

Year 5 cake sale

Saturday 27th June

Camping Sleepover

Saturday 11th July

Summer Fair

Bounceathon

Date TBC