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## NEWSLETTER

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### Reflections and a look ahead to 2020

So here we are already at the beginning of the Spring Term. Where does the time go? We hope you had a fantastic festive season and wish you a very Happy New Year for 2020. What a great start to the 2019/2020 academic year with a fun-filled Nursery and Reception Welcome Event, a groovy Disco night, a packed Christmas Fair and a fabulously festive Christmas Carol Concert.

This term will be just as good with a Family Movie Night, Quiz Night and Easter Egg Hunt as well as Year 3, 4 and 6 having the chance to beat current leaders Year 2 with their cake sales.

As always we are only as good as the support we get, so get booking your tickets for this month's Family Movie Night, put the other events in your diary and contact us at [chasebridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:chasebridgepta@gmail.com) if you are able to help with anything.

### Updates and notices

#### Family Movie Night

On Friday, 17th January at 6pm in the Chase Hall, we will be screening Disney's much loved Lilo and Stitch.



Entry price is £3.50 for all adults and children aged 3 and over and includes movie admission (£2) and a snack pack (£1.50). Under 3's only pay the movie admission price of £2.

Additional snacks will be available for purchase on the night and there will also be a licensed cash bar (we thought the grown-ups would enjoy a little something extra to go with their popcorn!)

This is a family event so **ALL** children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like your child to go but you are not available to attend, they can be brought by another parent as every adult can bring up to 4 children with them.

Tickets can only be purchased in advance and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Buy your tickets by one of three ways:

**Online:** <https://buytickets.at/chasebridgeprimaryschool/330788>

**In person:** Look out for our ticket stalls at drop off and home time

**FoCB post box:** Fill in the form, and together with the correct cash payment, pop it into our post box situated in the front lobby area.

#### Cake Sales this term

The first cake sale of 2020 will be run by Year 4 on Friday, 7th February. Next up will be Year 3 on the 6th March, followed by Year 6 on the 27th March.

#### Quiz Night - 6th March (change of date)

On Friday, 6th March we will be holding our highly enjoyable annual Quiz Night. Every year teams battle it out to win the coveted title of Chase Bridge Quiz Champions, although some teams (yes Acacia we are thinking of you) definitely concentrate more on the food and drink than the questions!! **SAVE THE DATE** and **BOOK THE BABY SITTER** – tickets will be on sale shortly.

#### Easter Egg Hunt - NEW EVENT!



For the first time, Chase Bridge will be holding its very own Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds and we hope you will join us for some Easter themed entertainment and fun. So put the **29th March** in your diary and more details will follow later in the term.

#### Chase Bridge Community Choir

Following their various performances last term, we've been getting a few requests for information about this choir. Chase Bridge School has always had a great reputation for music and a small group of parents who wanted to sing decided to start a community choir. They are a friendly, energetic, all-ages choir for anybody in the community who meet at 8pm every Tuesday in Chase Hall. Over 60% of people when they first joined had never sung with a choir before and you don't have to be able to read music.

If you are interested in coming along to see what it's all about, do contact them on [info@chasechoir.co.uk](mailto:info@chasechoir.co.uk) and check out their website at <https://chasechoir.co.uk>.

# News in Brief

## Chase Bridge Disco Night

We were delighted to see so many children from across the school busting out the moves to DJ Richard's tunes at our Autumn Disco. A huge thank you to everybody who bought tickets.

Years 1-4 looked fabulous in a huge variety of costumes and Years 5-6 were very much dressed to impress! This was the first of our year led events and Year 3 didn't disappoint. It was wonderfully organised and *special thanks must go to Maria, Reena and Michelle* for working so tirelessly selling tickets and coordinating this event. We also had more parent volunteers than any other year, so thank you, we couldn't do it without you! Everyone involved made this a very special night for the children! And of course, we raised an invaluable **£611.22**.

Finally, we are aware that parents of children in Nursery and Reception were disappointed to not be able to attend this event. We have taken on board your comments and next year will be looking to see if we are able to include a session for our early years.

## Christmas Fair

The festive season got off to a fantastic start with our Christmas Fair. Huge numbers of excited children poured into the school to enjoy the games stalls, the delicious food, the fairground rides and of course visit Santa. I suspect the grown-ups enjoyed themselves too as by the end when we hoped for a celebratory drink whilst clearing up the bar was empty!! One of the highlights of the evening was nearly 100 children from all the school choirs plus members of the Chase Bridge Community Choir singing their hearts out accompanied by musicians from Kneller Hall. It certainly got everybody into the Christmas spirit.

Incredibly we had 4 pages worth of raffle prizes so a big shout out to all the individuals and companies who donated.

The work that goes into an event like this is enormous so thank you to everybody who helped out in advance and on the day. In particular though thanks must go to *Kelly and her committee* whose hard work more than paid off. Not only did everybody have an amazing evening but we raised an incredible **£4,970!**



## Chase Bridge Carol Concert

It was standing room only at our end of term Carol Concert. All three school choirs plus the Chase Bridge Community Choir performed a variety of Christmas music whilst the glorious smell of mulled wine and mince pies floated through the air. It was particularly lovely to see the adults and children singing harmonies together if not slightly strange to find the children singing Latin on the way home! Huge thanks to *Mrs O'Hara and Mrs Lindley* for all their hard work with the music and *Carla, Carmelle, Ali and Natalie* for the wonderful refreshments.

The cherry on the Christmas cake was that we raised **£202.30**.

## Christmas Card Fundraiser

We hope the children had fun creating their own festive design for their Christmas cards. This fundraiser is always a firm favourite in the FoCB calendar as the parents get to enjoy seeing their children's artwork professionally printed in time for sharing at Christmas.

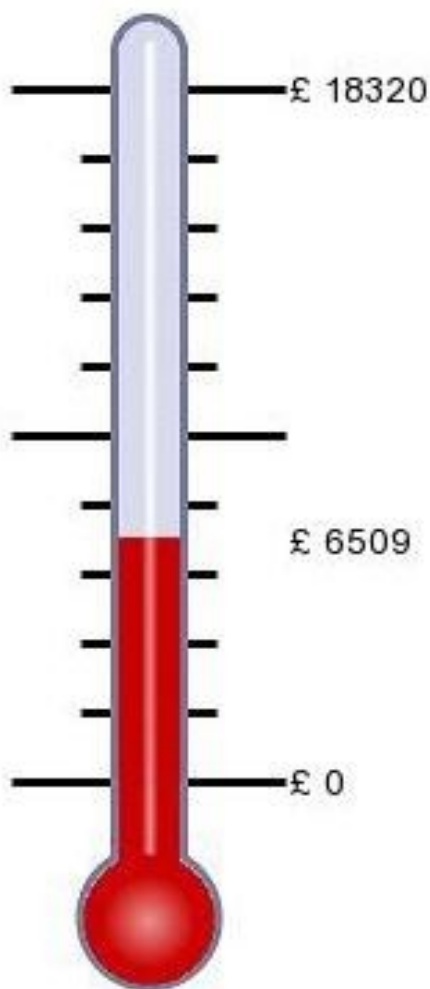
Thank you to everyone who took part and special thanks to *Carla and Maria* for organising the artwork and ensuring that everybody received their orders in time for Christmas.

The Christmas card fundraiser raised a fabulous **£205**.

Thanks  
for your  
support!

# Fundraising Goals for 2019/2020

**£6,509 raised so far!**



Our fundraising target for this year has decreased from £22,000 to **£18,320** due to a change in the ICT funding request from the school. The FoCB trustees have agreed the revised changes. Money raised this year will be used to support the following:

- \* **Individual class budgets including Lions, nursery am 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. ✓
- \* **ICT equipment £10,718** - 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 Chromebooks 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.

We do have plans to replace the existing storage shed which has seen better days and there may be other funding requests which will be under discussion - we will keep you updated should anything change.

We are inching closer to the halfway mark on the fundraising thermometer thanks to the fantastic support of the Chase Bridge community. Can we smash this year's target?

## Calendar of Events - save the dates!

### Friday 17th January

Family Movie Night

### Friday 7th February

Year 4 cake sale

### Friday 6th March

Quiz Night

Year 3 cake sale

### Friday 27th March

Year 6 cake sale

### Sunday 29th March

Easter Egg Hunt - **NEW EVENT**

### Friday 1st May

Nursery and reception cake sale

### Thursday 21st May

Minute to Win It for year 5 & 6

### Friday 12th June

Bounceathon - **NEW EVENT**

Year 5 cake sale

### Saturday 27th June

Camping Sleepover - **NEW EVENT**

### Saturday 11th July

Summer Fair

## Upcoming Community Events



**Whitton High Street**  
**Saturday 25th April**  
**11.00am - 6.30pm**

**Massive Parade**  
**Fairground Rides**  
**Live Music**  
**Stalls**  
**Community Groups**  
**Fun & Games**  
**Bars & Food**  
**The BIGGEST community event of the year!**