

## **Struthers Fundraising Group – Newsletter**

**November 2016**

All,

Firstly, a belated welcome to all families who have recently joined Struthers, both in school and in nursery, we know there are a lot of you! And hello to everyone else, back for another year!

The Fundraising Group thought it was time to get in touch to let you know what our plans are for the year ahead and, as always, look to you for your support

Struthers Fundraising Group are a hardworking, dedicated group of parents and carers who volunteer their time and skills to raise much needed funds to support our children during their time at Struthers.

We have, this session, joined up with the Parent Council to pool our resources in the hope that we can continue this work as a one group.

### **2016/17 so far....**

We kicked off this sessions fundraising with a bounce and all of the children were invited to take part in our sponsored bouncy obstacle courses, which was a great fun event for everyone. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, which raised a huge **£2527** for the school!!

You will probably have heard from the children that we had them designing Christmas cards in September – the printers are inundated at this time of the year so our philosophy is to get in quick! We also have a photo shoot coming up for the calendars, which will be co-ordinated by Miss Neil from the nursery, for the second year in a row. She did such a great job last year, it seemed only right to get her back on the case again!

The Christmas Fair is scheduled for Friday 2 December and the group will be holding the usual dress down day for donations of chocolate and bottles for our tombolas. The fundraising group also provide the teas and coffees at this event as well as organising the raffle. We need volunteers to help with all of these events

The first of our discos was held on 29 September, which was great fun for everyone, thank to everyone who volunteered to help on the night. These events raised £417 on the night.

There is another disco on 23 February and we will be looking for helpers for this so get your dancing shoes polished and come along and embarrass your children!

There will also be a bag packing event in early spring, date to be confirmed, which involves the older children as well as parents and carers, the more the merrier! All we look for is a couple of hours of your time, and we really need as many hands as we can get to make this event happen.

### **What happens with the money?!**

So far this session the group have contributed a substantial amount to the Christmas outings - for nursery – P2 to Funbox, Christmas Wonderland, and the P3-P7 cinema trip. We have also provided the prizes for the Halloween costume parade for each class and donated apples on the day for “dooking”! There is also a small gift (chocolate based!) for the Christmas parties. as well as drinks and snacks for all the partygoers!

We also presented the leavers 2017 hoodies at the start of the academic year, and have given a contribution of £750 for books.

Coming up we will continue to provide support for the purchase of books, both print and audio, to support the school in promoting and supporting reading skills. We will also be funding the purchase of the stage backdrop which is being made to measure as we speak, as well as continuing to support the school with other items throughout the year.

### **What do we want from you?**

Please come along to our meetings if you feel you can spare the time, as a group we are all busy, working parents and carers and the more volunteers we have the less everyone has to give of their time! We would particularly love anyone who has the organisational skills (rotas/spreadsheets) and some time to spare to co-ordinate the help for the events, often the hardest part is making sure we have enough people in the right place at the right time! If this sounds like your skills are what we need, please help! You can contact us via school or on the Struthers Fundraising Facebook page.

### **Thank you in anticipation!**

Future helpers required –

Friday 2 December – Christmas Fair

AM (or Thursday 1 Dec) – ticket up prizes for tombolas (in school) **2 or 3 required**

PM – chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, bric a brac tombola, raffle stall, calendars, teas and coffees. **(Minimum 15 volunteers, with more, a rota system can operate allowing everyone time to enjoy the fair with their children)**

Thursday February – Discos

6-7.15 p1-3 **minimum 20 helpers required, (based on current school role)**

7.30-9 p4-7 **minimum 11 helpers required**

Morrisons back pack – TBC – helpers plus co-ordinator

Without your continued support none of these events would be able to take place, so please come along and support our school.

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