



Hi All

A belated welcome back to hopefully a more normal year for everyone! Also, a big welcome to our newest members of Clandon School who have joined over the last few weeks. Hope you are all settling in nicely and becoming familiar with our beautiful surroundings.

As we all know, the last 18 months has not been the best in terms of fundraising for the school. We wanted to update you with what we have been able to achieve and what to expect for the upcoming year.

Our activities last year meant we were able to raise just over £2200! This included a cake sale, Disco Day and a mad woman jumping out of a plane (thank you Denise!!)

As a result the PTFA has been able to fund the following (with additional funds in the bank):

Funds for each class to spend as they wish	£1,500
Skip and machinery hire to clear shed area	£900
Ice cream van hire	£249
Year 6 Leavers' treat	£60
Total expenditure:	£2,709

So, onto a new year and we have been targeted with a main aim - to raise money for a brand-new reading scheme which will start in Reception and continue to the end of KS1/beginning of KS2. We want to help buy as many new books as possible for all children as part of this. This will help give all our children a massive kickstart in their reading and help support the school's key incentive for reading as a skill but also to encourage the love of reading.

We have also agreed to give each class, including Forest School, £400 to use against resources as they choose, along with any additional funding that may be required later in the year.

Forest School has already purchased their lovely new mud kitchen which all the children have been enjoying in their sessions.

To enable us to do this, the PTFA needs to replenish the bank account for 2021/2022! We can only do this with your help and every penny counts 😊

Dates for your diary:

3rd December (after school)	Christmas Fair. Lots of games, edible treats, and a bouncy castle. Please look out for ways you can help in the build-up.
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day in exchange £1.

Events like those above and mufti days really help towards our fundraising. Disappointingly, the recent mufti day before half term only raised around £40 from 77 children. Mufti days are a fun and easy way for the PTFA to raise money so please do make sure you send in £1 or pay via Paypal if easier. It's not mandatory to dress up but if you do then please support!

An ongoing way to raise funds is through Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/clandonprimary/>

Sign up and nearly every purchase you make online gives us a donation. With Christmas coming up it's a great to spend and donate without any cost to you 😊

We will have new events lined up for next year, but new ideas are always welcomed and anyone wanting to come along to our meetings will be warmly welcomed. We don't bite and we don't make you sign your life away attending each and every event! We are a small school and most of us are all working parents so, like you, just doing what we can.

For those that don't know, the committee consists of:

Co-chairs:	Clare and Dani	Treasurer:	Sarah
Secretary:	Lynn	Rabbits Rep:	Dani
Badgers Rep:	Lynn	Squirrels Rep:	Jane
Kestrels Rep:	Ambra and Louise	Two wonderful new supporters: Tegan and Linda.	

Please remember to connect with Clandon Parents on FB where you will find lots of updates and general school reminders.

Think that is all for now! Have a fab rest of 2021 and stay well.

PTFA team x