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Dear Parents and Friends,

As we all begin to feel more settled back into the school routine, the Friends of Denbury School are starting to plan the Autumn Term events!

For those of you who are new to Denbury Primary, Friends of Denbury School (formerly known as the PTA) are a group of parents, carers and members of the community who raise money in a variety of ways to support and enrich our school. FoDS meet regularly to discuss ideas and decide what the committee would like to fund. New faces and thoughts are always welcome and we are always very grateful for volunteers to lend a hand at events without any commitment, although meetings are friendly and informal if you'd like to get fully involved!

Please speak to a committee member (or member of staff who will point you in the right direction) if you have any questions about events, meetings or just general FoDS chat! We are all very approachable and happy to help. Alternatively, you can contact us on our school email address which is at the top of this letter, or find us on Facebook.

Match funding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from FoDS detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a huge boost to our fundraising efforts.

The School Wish List

Following a very successful year, I'm thrilled to say that FoDS were able to fulfil our aim to raise £2400 to fund new reading books across the school. We also subsidised the KS2 swimming, paying £600 for the hire of the pool and two swimming teachers. As well as this, we were able to support many smaller projects as requested by teachers.

This year there is one main area that the Friends of Denbury School are focusing on fundraising for;

★ Improving the outdoor environment, with ideas around the climbing frame and playground painting.

Dates for your Diary!

Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty - Princess Theatre

This year's Torquay pantomime is Sleeping Beauty and we have been lucky enough to secure tickets for the 2pm matinee performance on Sunday December 16th at a fantastic price.

Tickets are £15 to include a sweet cone. Payment and reservation forms must be returned to the office by Friday 12th October.

Children's Halloween Party - 2nd November 4pm - 6pm - The School Hall

A fun evening of party games, dancing and prizes!

Tickets £5 including a party tea, available from the school office.

Open to both KS1 and KS2. As the party is being held in school, children will not need to be accompanied by a parent.

Fancy dress optional!

Bag2School collection - 20th November

If you're having an Autumn clean, remember to bring in all your unwanted clothes and shoes. More info to follow on Class Dojo.

Christmas Bingo - 23rd November 7pm - Denbury Village Hall

Following the success of last year's Christmas bingo, we will be hosting another fun evening with the chance to win some great prizes!

Christmas Fayre - 14th December 3pm

Our Christmas Fayre has become a Denbury tradition and is a firm favourite with the children! There are even more exciting things in the pipeline this year, so be sure to save the date and your pennies!

Many thanks for your ongoing support, we can only continue to do what we do with your help.

Sophie Thompson and Claire Watson
Co-Chair Friends of Denbury School