

FRIENDS OF PATCHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

Hello to all of our school parents, carers and teachers.

The school year has started off with a good boost to the fundraising account from the popular **Halloween disco and Parents Bar** in October.

We achieved a £1,600 profit!

That's £300 more than last year.

Thank you to everyone for your time volunteering in the preparations, running of the event and buying tickets!

The **Chill-Out Zone** was popular especially as an alternative for those preferring a bit more calm and less scary.

School projects that our activities can fund

Just so you know all this **fundraising** has to go somewhere so here's a list of the **spending plan** proposed for the school:

1. Class Cameras - new class cameras have been purchased for classes that didn't currently have one.

2. Sheds for outdoor resources – suggestion of metal sheds for security.

3. Playground equipment / playground marking / refurbishment.

The school is applying for funding through the Tesco scheme to help with this. FOPJS money can make a valuable addition to this.

4. Outdoor learning development - being discussed.

An outdoor gym like this one may be a possibility if enough money is raised



Big Christmas Get Together

Friday 14 December 3.30pm—5pm



Last year we held the same event alongside the fabulous School Choir performance. This year members of the **School Choir** will be singing to add to the festive occasion but the **Year 5/6 Concert** is a separate event.

Essentials for the winter experience will be on offer such as **hot chocolate, mulled cider, mince pies and cakes**. The **Eco-council** students are also busy making **Christmas decorations** to sell at the Get Together.

Please can **Goodies** for the **Christmas Hamper** be sent in on the **morning of the 14th December**, along with **cakes for the cake stalls**.

Any alcohol to be taken by an adult to the office.

The children will have a **Christmas Jumper day** too!

Tickets for the Christmas Hamper will be on sale soon. Keep a look out after school and you can also purchase them at the Get Together.

The draw will be at the event.

Please reply to School Ping if you would like to help on the day.

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Callout for more Class Reps !

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our call out for volunteers to be parent/carer class reps .

We still need Class Reps for the following classes:

**3SA, 3GS, 4RY, 4CE,
5SR, 5ST, 6NG, 6ED**

to encourage more involvement of parents/carers in the fundraising activities. If you would like to take this role this year, please contact us ASAP.

The school Needs You!

Christmas cards

Many of the children have completed and handed in their cards designs and we are waiting for the printed copies to be delivered. This continues to be another way for us to raise money for the school.

The Eco-council

will now sell used logo'd uniform after school



**for 15 minutes
on Fridays
at the HEX**

as part of the waste recycle work they are doing towards the prized

Would you like to run the Brighton Marathon 10K and help us raise much needed funds for our school?

“Committing to run the 10K can make a big difference when it comes to finding motivation”, says Irina Blosser, who ran last year for the school. “During winter running is a great way to exercise and improve your fitness levels. It’s so rewarding to feel that you are doing something special and the children at school will reap the benefits.”

Brighton Marathon M10K will be on Sunday 14th April.

If you would like to take part, please

register by following this link:

<http://www.brightonmarathonweekend.co.uk/events/bm10k/enter/> Charity name –

Friends of Patcham Junior School

Then let us know.

Remember: You can keep in touch and contact active members of the fundraising group on Facebook: Friends of Patcham Junior School and via e-mail: friendsofpatcham@gmail.com