



Wednesday 25th January 2023

Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

At the end of last year we held the Hamper Raffle and Christmas Coffee Morning and I can confirm that the total amount raised was a fantastic £925!! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in these events through: helping at the Coffee Morning; donating amazing hampers; baking delicious cakes for sale at the Coffee Morning and; selling/buying raffle tickets. Your efforts are very much appreciated and all offers of help are always greatly received when planning and running such events as these. It is through these events that we are able to assist the school by contributing funding towards the purchase of classroom resources and trips, including the recent visit by Classes 2 and 3 to The Theatre by the Lake, where they enjoyed a live performance of *The Borrowers*, and today's trip to the Tyne Theatre & Opera House where Class 1 were excited to see *The Smartest Giant in Town* brought to the stage.

Looking forward, our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th March 7pm at school** with new parents encouraged to come along and get involved. This meeting will be an **EGM** (Extraordinary General Meeting) as I will be stepping down as Chair- I have been in the role a year now and would like to pass this on to someone else. Hopefully this can show and encourage parents that a lot can be achieved in a year and we can all take turns and share in the fundraising organisation!

We have a few events lined up for the next few months so here are some dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th March: PTA EGM 7pm in the school hall.

Thursday 30th March: Non-uniform day, children to donate an item for the chocolate tombola in exchange for coming into school in non-uniform.

Friday 31st March: Easter coffee morning. Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be a chocolate tombola and the event will conclude with an egg hunt on the field for the children (9-10.30am).

Sunday 14th May: Summer Fair 2-4pm – This is a lovely afternoon usually held on the school field, where there is a range of stalls, including tea/coffee, cakes, plants, toys/books and games to win prizes and an opportunity to meet up with family and friends. We welcome volunteers to run stalls whether for part or all of the afternoon.

In preparation for the forthcoming EGM and Easter Coffee Morning, it would be really helpful if could have an idea of how many parents/carers are able to attend either of these events and whether or not you are able to help at the Coffee Morning, so please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as you can.

Many thanks
Ashley Vass (Chair)

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I can/cannot attend the PTA meeting on 7/3/23

I can/cannot help on 31/3/2023

Name:..... Child/ren's name/s:.....