



26th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to our parents and also our families new to the school.

We are extremely lucky at Ford End to have an AMAZING PTA team and pride ourselves with the hashtag - #smallbutmighty. This is indeed true. We have raised enormous amounts of money over the years - far more than much larger nearby primary schools and the thing is, you as parents WILL reap the benefits for YOUR children. As some examples, we pay each year for the coach to the annual pantomime, we buy ice lollies at Sports Day, we organise an Easter Egg hunt in the woods, we pay for new books, iPads and new playing equipment that the school just cannot afford to buy. We spent over £5,000 last year alone on things for our school.

We welcome ALL parents to join us and support us - we promise that we're a very friendly bunch and that your support, however small, would be very much appreciated,

So following on from last week's PTA AGM, I am sad to announce that the record breaking PTA team of Sarah Russell and Kate Lofthouse have decided to step down after a busy two years term, but we're pleased to say that they have been replaced with Gemma (Allen) as Chairperson, Michelle (Morris) and Fran (Bradford) as Deputy Chairs, and Faye (Ford) as Secretary. Jan Mansfield will continue as Treasurer - thank you Jan. They're a tough team to beat but we shall do our very best.

So, a couple of dates for your diary:

- \* Secret Santa forms will be distributed alongside this letter. This won't take place until the first week of December but we are keen to get organised. Please ensure these are handed in by 23rd October 2019 at the VERY latest.
- \* Tuck Shop - will be run either in the playground or hall on Friday 4th October and fortnightly thereafter from 2.30-2.45pm. Items will cost from 10p.

- \* Handy Hands - an after school craft session will take place on Friday 11th October from 2.30-4pm. This will cost £3 per child, or £5 for a family. More details to follow.
- \* Non uniform Day on Friday 18th October in exchange for bottles for the Christmas Fayre tombola stall. More details to follow.
- \* Movie Night on Friday 8th November - an after school event where we will watch Toy Story 4 with some popcorn and a lucky winner will go home with the dvd. More details to follow.
- \* Christmas Fayre in the afternoon of Saturday 30th November - one of our biggest events of the year. Please put this in your diaries now if you haven't already. Again, more details to follow.

Phew. Sorry to bombard you all with loads of information and dates but, as working mums, we are firm believers in getting organised!

Please keep an eye on the board in the hall for further information or feel free to talk to us in the playground, before or after school, or in the park - we're usually there!

Many thanks for your time and here's to another fabulous school year of fun-fundraising.

Gemma, Michelle, Fran, Jan and Faye

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