



Parent. Teacher. Friend. Association.

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We began this term with our AGM at The Old Inn.

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and help and warmly welcome Kate Venter as our staff representative. We would also like to join the rest of the village in saying how sad we are to see Glyn and Shan leave The Old Inn. They have been marvellous to the school and the PTFA and will be much missed.

We have several events already planned and in the diary:

For this term The Barn Dance on **Saturday 25th November** at the village hall is the last of our three birthday celebrations for this year and hopefully the biggest. The feedback we got from everyone was that a barn dance was what would be the most popular so here we go. The tickets are on sale now and are available from the Post Office, school office, Tracey and me. It should be amazing, everyone concerned has offered their services at a reduced cost particularly Janey at Feast Kitchen in order that we all have a great time and make money for the PTFA and the children. So please come and support us to be able to help your children as much as we can.

The Scholastic Book Fair is currently running well and thanks to everyone who has volunteered to take a slot each afternoon. The books are beautiful and well worth a look.

The Macmillan coffee morning was held last week, thank you so much to everyone who made a cake, helped on the day or came along. We raised an excellent £67.00

We are looking to improve our Forest School areas. One thing has been requested for the Forest School Area is a green house. This would be wonderful for the children and before we go through the usual channels we thought we would ask on here if anyone is able to source us one fairly cheaply or knows of one that can be donated?

As a guideline if you see one on EBay that is £20 but comes from Scotland and needs taking down by the collector before the weekend that may not be what we are after!

You get the ideal! On the other hand if you see that and fancy a trip to Scotland.....

So, any help or suggestions with a greenhouse would be great.

We are also hoping to be able to provide wooden planters, table and benches, mini-beast houses, a stage area, mud-pie kitchen and paint panel, so your help would be greatly appreciated.

We have sent home the children's Christmas card drawing templates and order forms.

It's a new company this year and the samples we have been sent are lovely. They are very helpful, and we are also able to offer that if anyone else would like to do a drawing and order any items (possibly younger or older siblings) we can send it off with our pack. We can put their names on any packs of cards but can remove the school name if you wish. We have approximately 25 spare packs so please let us know if you would like one. We can also use larger sheets of paper if required.

It came to our attention that after Covid-19 the tradition of the children's Christmas treat was not reinstated. So, this year we are rectifying that and are really thrilled to be able to say that on **Wednesday 13th December** the whole school is off to Torquay to see the Beauty and the Beast pantomime. Thanks to a lovely lady at the theatre who promised she would get us great seats they also have the first 5 front rows. In order that we can do this without asking for any contribution at all or taking too much out of our reserves we are installing three regular Mufti days for £2 a child. These will be the last day of each of the half terms in October, February and May

The Christmas Fair is also booked for **Wednesday 6th December**, including Santa's Grotto!
We really did get ahead with Christmas this year!

Our next meeting is 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th October at The Old Inn when we have met the new landlords. Would love to see you there.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Mooney Chair
Tracey Clapp Vice Chair
Sophie Pedrick Vice Chair