



Fern Hill PSA

Spring Term Newsletter



As we look forward to the Easter holidays, the PSA would like to thank all our Fern Hill parents for their support throughout the Spring term and to give an update on how much money we've raised.

Our spring term events and fundraising update

It's been a busy term with a great variety of events on offer for both the children and the parents at Fern Hill. We kicked off with our popular screening of Paddington 2 at the KS2 Cinema Night, closely followed by the fiercely competitive challenge of Quiz Night for the grown ups. Throughout March, we've had a flurry of fantastic events from our wonderful Bounce For Books day, the first ever EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic for children in Nursery and Reception, a very well-attended Mothers' Day Breakfast and our latest second-hand uniform sale, all of which have raised a wonderful total of over £4,300!

- The KS2 Cinema Night raised £736
- Quiz Night raised £516
- Bounce For Books raised exactly £3,000
- Second-hand uniform sale raised £122

A huge thank you to all the parents, children and staff who've helped make these events such a great success. None of our events would be possible without the time and effort of so many people.

What has the money been spent on?

A large portion of the money raised was spent on the newly developed Secret Garden area complete with brand new Astroturf and picnic benches for the children. You will be able to see the garden improvements at the Summer Fair, but in the meantime, here are before and after pictures to show how much more space the children have to relax and enjoy being outdoors.



Upcoming Events

The main event in the Summer Term will be our wonderful Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June. Please put the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you on the day!

This year we are planning to showcase the efforts and talents of our children alongside new and traditional fairground games and entertainment. Children will be able to enter art, baking and plant growing competitions with fabulous prizes up for grabs. We will also be inviting school clubs and classes to perform and exhibit the wonderful skills and projects they have been working on during the year.

As the fair draws near, class reps will send details about competitions, raffle prizes, how to request Curchods boards to promote the event and much more.

Our school fairs are our biggest fundraising events and we can't run them without the help of a large number of parents, so over the Easter break please consider when you may be able to lend a hand. We understand family lives are incredibly busy so all offers are really appreciated. Some ideas are: volunteering to be part of the planning team (meeting on Wednesday 24th April); donating prizes to the raffle or volunteering to sell extra tickets at the school gate; helping to set up for the fair on Friday June 14th from early afternoon until around 4.30 or on the morning of the 15th; receiving and sorting donations for the tombola; offering to oversee part of the event; donating baking or dishes to the café and International Food Stall, and of course coming along to enjoy the fair itself!

After the Summer Fair, we have our **Summer Social** evening party for parents on **Friday 5th July**, plus our very popular **Dads' Breakfast** for dads, grandads and children before school on **Friday 12th July**.

New volunteers needed for PSA committee for 2019-20

A significant number of the current PSA committee including our chair will be stepping down from their current roles at the end of this academic year. This means we desperately need more parents to come forward and get involved with the PSA or it will become impossible to run all our future events.

If you would like to get involved, or find out more about what the roles can involve, please email fernhillpsa@gmail.com or come along to our next PSA meeting.

Please don't wait and assume lots of other people will step forward – if you're able to help then do speak up! We really value all your support and hope that we can rely on more parents to ensure our events are able to take place.

PSA meeting

Our next PSA meeting will be on **Thursday 16th May** at 7.30pm in the Small Hall at school. All parents are welcome to attend. Please do come along as it's a great way to find out more about our events and get involved.

Enjoy your Easter holidays from the PSA!

